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As expected, the Senate concurred yesterday with a House joint resolution strongly opposing a U.S. Department of the Interior report that recommends granting permanent immigration status to long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Senators adopted House Joint Resolution 17-4, HS1 on a 9-0 vote.

The Senate's move came a day after the House adopted the joint resolution by a vote of 17-0. Three of the 20 House members were absent during the session.

Juan I. Tenorio, a former Office of Personnel Management chief and lawmaker, said during the session's public comment

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The Tinian Health Center's lone physician has been on leave since last week but two individuals are temporarily handling the medical needs of the island's residents.

Dr. Priyawathan Wijay, *Saipan Tribune* learned, is not expected to come back until next week, according to Tinian Health Center resident director's special adviser Freddy Hofschneider.

He confirmed that, in the absence of Wijay, a physician assistant and a midlevel provider are currently handling the doctor's tasks.

Hofschneider assured that the  
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### IN MEMORIAM

Members of the Department of Public Safety's Tactical Response Enforcement Team render a 21-gun salute during yesterday's National Peace Officer Memorial Day ceremony at DPS. Inset, Legislative Bureau administrative officer Pat Seman adjusts the almost tattered U.S. and CNMI flags at half-staff in front of the legislative building on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon, in honor of fallen police officers and soldiers and as part of the observance of National Police Officers Memorial Day.

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## Local

# No Hatoyama meeting with Fitia, Camacho today

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CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitia and Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho did not receive confirmation as of yesterday afternoon about a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama today.

As a result, Camacho cancelled his trip to Tokyo yesterday, while Fitia will remain in Nagoya where he had been since Sunday to attend to a family medical emergency.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Fitia did not receive confirmation of a meeting with Hatoyama as of

yesterday afternoon.

"It is my understanding that the governor was still in Nagoya as of [Wednesday] morning, tending to the medical needs of a family member," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said as of yesterday afternoon, Fitia was still scheduled to arrive on Saipan early Friday morning. Fitia will then prepare for a trip to Washington, D.C. for a May 18 congressional hearing on the implementation of the federalization law in the CNMI.

Camacho's office issued a brief statement yesterday, canceling plans to visit Tokyo.

"At this time I have received

no confirmation to meet with the Prime Minister of Japan and therefore I've decided not to make this trip," Camacho said.

Six lawmakers from Hatoyama's Democratic Party of Japan who visited Saipan and Tinian during the weekend were brokering the meeting between the prime minister and the governors of Guam and the CNMI.

The historic meeting would have discussed issues surrounding the possible relocation of up to 4,000 American troops from the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma in Okinawa to Tinian, as well as Guam's request for Japan funding to help Guam cope

with the cost of hosting U.S. Marines being relocated from Okinawa.

Camacho came to Saipan on Saturday on Fitia's invitation, for them to jointly meet with six visiting lawmakers from the Democratic Party of Japan.

The lawmakers invited the two governors to Japan this week for a possible meeting with Hatoyama, who ran for office with a promise to move U.S. troops from Futenma.

The members of the Japanese Diet were hoping such a meeting will "accelerate" or bolster plans to renegotiate the 2006 accord between Japan and the U.S. The U.S. is sticking to the

2006 agreement.

Under that accord, the Futenma base will be transferred by 2014 to a coastal area of Camp Schwab.

But Hatoyama was quoted by *Stars and Stripes* on Tuesday as giving up on his self-imposed May 31 deadline for getting approval from the U.S. and local governments on an alternate plan to move Marine air operations from Ginowan.

Fitia and Camacho made it clear to the visiting Japanese

lawmakers that any decision to accept or reject the relocation of troops to the CNMI or Guam rests with the U.S. government.

They also said they welcome troop relocation to Guam and the CNMI, provided both territories are consulted and given financial assistance to pay for the relocation costs and to pay for the impacts on infrastructure such as power, water, roads, hospitals, schools, public safety impacts, as well as impacts on the environment.

## Govt lavishes tribute on 10 cops killed, 4 wounded in line of duty

The CNMI government paid tribute yesterday to 10 Department of Public Safety officers who have died and four police officers who were wounded or disabled in the line of duty.

In a National Peace Officer Memorial Day ceremony at the DPS headquarters in Susupe, acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Commonwealth won't forget the sacrifices and services provided by these officers, while the sacrifices made by the families of these officers should also be recognized.

DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, echoed this, urging DPS personnel to perform their duties well in honor of the suffering of the families of officers who have give up their lives while in the line of duty.

"We should not compromise and we shouldn't fear perform-

ing our duties," Tudela said.

The DPS' Tactical Response Enforcement Team rendered a 21-gun salute for the officers. Officers and family members laid wreaths and candles at the DPS Monument.

DPS said the "fallen comrades" were Capt. Justino T. Arriola, Police Officer Abraham S. Quitugua, Police Officer Gilbert M. Taisacan, Sgt. Julian A. Manglona, Capt. Tommy Alexander, Police Officer Wilgene T. Lieto, Fire Fighter Joe Charfauros, Fire Fighter Joaquin M. Camacho, and Resident Director John T. Barcinas.

DPS said the officers disabled in the line of duty were Police Officer Marvin S. Camacho, Sgt. Antonio SN. Borja, Police Officer Jose Cepeda, and Police Officer Victor M. Hocog. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Kilili's HR 5250 seeks to help disabled and elderly voters

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) has introduced legislation to make elections in the Northern Mariana Islands more accessible to older residents and to those with physical disabilities.

His bill, H.R. 5250, makes the Northern Mariana Islands eligible for funding under the Help America Vote Act. The legislation requires the U.S. government to make a one-time payment to the NMI to help election officials immediately improve accessibility of polling places, especially for the elderly and for citizens with disabilities.

"When HAVA was enacted, providing federal funds to improve the election process after the 2000 Presidential elections," explained Sablan, "there was no federal election in the Northern Mariana Islands. So we were left out of the definition of areas eligible for funding.

"Now, of course, we do have an elected federal official. So we should be eligible for the same federal election assistance

as is provided every other state and territory.

"I am particularly concerned that our polling places be accessible to people who may have trouble getting around or who need some special arrangements to make it possible for them to exercise their right to vote and make their voices heard.

"The bill I've introduced should help.

"I want to offer my thanks to Frances M. Sablan, chairperson of the Commonwealth Election Commission, and to Robert A. Guerrero, CEC executive director, who both played an active role in developing this legislation."

In addition to the one-time funding H.R. 5250 provides, the bill would result in yearly payments to the Election Commission to continue to improve accessibility and the quality of voting systems, to support student educational programs, and to undertake initiatives to support military voters.

H.R. 5250 has been referred to the House Committee on Administration. (PR)



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### CNMI MOCK TRIAL TEAM

The Mt. Carmel High School team, representing the Northern Mariana Islands, competed at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Philadelphia from May 5 to 9. U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) drove up from Washington, D.C. for a round of the competition and to present the team with his statement of congratulations from the Congressional Record. "The team was awesome," said Sablan. "I am always so impressed with the expertise and poise of our students who come to compete in national events."

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# Cabrera bars overtime pay for all NMC employees

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Due to the dwindling financial state of the government, interim president Lorraine Cabrera has issued a directive prohibiting all Northern Marianas College employees from rendering extra hours of work that would entitle them to overtime pay.

Presidential Directive No. 18 took effect last Monday, May 10, when the order was issued to all personnel.

Until such time that the directive is lifted, Cabrera said all expenditure authorities, supervisors and managers will ensure that no employee will work beyond 40 hours in any given workweek.

## Overload unaffected

Although the directive covers all NMC personnel, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the "overload" work of instructors would not be affected.

Because of the lack of instructors, some faculty members teach extra classes above the allowed credit. This is classified as overload, and instructors are paid using tuition collected from students.

Last fiscal year, the college incurred a total of \$700,000 in faculty overload pay. The college expects to pay nearly the same amount in FY 2010.

## Tight funds

Cabrera said the CNMI's current economic condition requires the government to exer-

cise greater responsible management of its funds. The recent 7.25 percent across-the-board cut in the CNMI's government's Fiscal Year 2010 budget requires NMC to implement tighter controls over its personnel expenditures, she added.

"The college shall enforce this measure of no overtime compensation just as many other government expenditure authorities are similarly doing to lessen the cost impact to the CNMI general fund," Cabrera explained.

Failure to comply with this directive shall subject the expenditure authority, supervisor or manager to personal responsibility for allowing an employee to accrue hours beyond 40

hours per week, she said.

She said the college shall not be liable to pay for overtime if she does not authorize it in advance.

"Expenditure authorities, supervisors and managers shall seek the interim president's approval prior to allowing an employee to accrue hours beyond 40 hours per week and taking compensatory time off," she added.

NMC is operating under the continuing budget level of \$4.9 million. This was further slashed because of the 7.25 percent across-the-board cut implemented by the administration.

With four more months to the end of the fiscal year, the

college projects to incur a shortfall in personnel costs if strict internal controls are not enforced.

NMC has a total workforce of 182, with 76 faculty members and 106 staff. About 30 of the faculty are instructional staff.

## Abuse?

*Saipan Tribune* learned that NMC paid over \$85,000 for overtime expenses in the last

fiscal year, which had 26 pay periods.

This fiscal year, overtime compensation is projected at over \$60,000, based on the trend per pay period.

Besides budget constraints, many believe the decision to stop overtime pay is due to "abuses" seen in past and present administrations, where certain employees and staff were allowed to render extra work.

# New law on CUC power over its rates seeks to prevent more class suits

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law yesterday a bill clarifying the authority of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to set utility rates prior to the creation of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission in 2006.

Senate Bill 17-18 is now Public Law 17-3.

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), author of SB 17-18, said yesterday that the new law, in a way, "corrects a past mistake" which led to the filing of a lawsuit by Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) and Jack Angello, as well as a class action suit by other individuals, over past CUC rate hikes when CUC's authority over rates was deemed ambiguous.

"As author of this bill, I believe that role of the law is to prevent any more lawsuits. But this law does not allow CUC to increase rates without the approval of the CPUC," Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*.

Torres and Angello prevailed in their lawsuit. The court ordered CUC to adjust Torres

and Angello's billings for the period covering July 22 to Oct. 23, 2006, when they should not have been billed a new rate.

CUC has asked for the dismissal of a separate class action suit, which is still pending.

Tony Muña, CUC executive director, earlier said if the other party prevails in the class action suit filed against CUC over utility rates, "then they will send us a bill for \$8 million, which is not embedded in the rate."

Inos's one-page transmittal message yesterday to Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) does not contain any changes to the wording of Ayuyu's Senate bill.

SB 17-18 amends Subsection (d) of Section 8122 of Title Four of the Commonwealth Code to merely clarify an ambiguity

regarding CUC's authority to set rates until such time as the CPUC shall issue an order setting rates, fees, charges or rents for a utility service.

The bill said in the Torres versus CUC case, the Supreme Court determined that the Legislature, in enacting Public Laws 15-35 and 15-40, intended the laws to apply prospectively.

However, the Legislature, in enacting these two laws, intended that the CUC increased rates, which sought to address a perilous shortfall in CUC's ability to pay for fuel and related

costs of operations, would be retroactively recognized and retroactively effective.

Ayuyu's bill intended to clarify the ambiguity in CUC's authority over rates, "such that the rate decisions made by CUC's executive director are ratified, as was the original intent of the Legislature."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### NMC Graduation 2010 important dates

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members to its 30th Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The college is also reminding all graduates to note the following dates:


- May 20, 6pm: Graduation Mass at Chalan Kanoa Cathedral. Graduates must arrive by 5:30pm.
- May 21, 3pm: Graduation rehearsal for ALL graduates at MHS Gymnasium
- May 22, 4pm: Commencement Exercise. Graduates must arrive no later than 3:30pm. (NMC)

### Red Cross annual meeting today

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross is having its annual meeting today May 13, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Chapter office on Airport Rd. All volunteers, donors, and others interested in the Red Cross are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to hold elections of the voting members of its board of directors, review reports by Chapter directors, and transact other business as it may come before the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Chapter office at 234-3459. (ARC)

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# Senate OKs budget initiative, environmental assessment bill

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On a 9-0 vote, the Senate passed on second and final reading yesterday a legislative initiative that will allow the Senate to introduce a budget bill in case the House of Representatives fail to do so by July 1 each year.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes's Senate Legislative Initiative 17-8 seeks to amend Article II, Section 5 of the CNMI Constitution relating to the CNMI budget process.

Reyes's (R-Saipan) initiative seeks to amend the Constitution so that the Senate can introduce a proposed annual budget in case the House of Rep-

resentatives has not passed a balanced annual budget by July 1.

The Constitution requires a budget bill to originate from the House, not the Senate.

The Senate also passed on a 9-0 vote a House bill seeking an environmental sampling and consultation in areas within the CNMI possibly contaminated with chemicals of concern such as polychlorinated biphenyls, dioxin, vinyl 2 chloride, benzene, ethylbenzene, dichloroethylene, mercury, nitrites and lead.

Senators took turns commending Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) for introducing House Bill 17-29, which requires the Department of Public Lands to fund an independent study

to conduct an environmental sampling and consultation of areas within the CNMI possibly contaminated with chemicals of concern.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said it's about time the CNMI has its own

priority list of sites for contamination cleanup, instead of relying only on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's priority list.

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) said DPL will be the primary agency to en-

sure that public lands are safe.

"It's just right that funds generated by the Marianas Public Lands Trust pay for this study and assessment," he added.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) said it took the U.S. Department of Defense over 50 years to clean up Tana-pag of PCB-contaminated soil.

## Over 120 attend sessions to develop NMI aquaculture

Over 120 people attended the recently held public planning sessions sponsored by the Northern Marianas College on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for the development of the CNMI's aquaculture industry.

These sessions resulted from the CNMI Aquaculture Act, which mandates NMC's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service to produce 5-Year Aquaculture Development Plan.

The Saipan session was held on April 26, the Tinian session on April 27, and the Rota session on April 28.

The 5-year plan that was proposed at the sessions is expected to identify species (commodities) to focus resources on, strategies to overcome challenges, and the facilities and resources needed to operate efficiently.

Of the viable species discussed, the six chosen that would best start off the development in the CNMI include shrimp, tilapia, marine finfish, giant clam, milkfish, and sea urchins, and cucumbers.

"We are pleased with the turnout and really appreciate the community's involvement in our efforts to ensure that

the 5-Year Plan covers all their concerns," said NMC-CREES aquaculture specialist Michael Ogo, who is spearheading the drafting of the plan.

To help facilitate the planning sessions, representatives from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the region's leading scientific authority, and consultants from New Caledonia and Pohnpei were present. The visitors gave overviews on the present and future marketability of farming different marine animals and plants.

"We would also like to thank the SPC for offering to assist in the development of the plan," added Ogo.

Discussions included a thorough analysis of the CNMI aquaculture industry's advantages and disadvantages. Some the advantages discussed include the CNMI's clean environment, disease-free status, close proximity to high-value markets in Asia, and large tourism market. Its disadvantages are the high costs of energy, feed, and equipment and the tiresome process of obtaining all the necessary clearance to farm certain species.

To further analyze the disadvantages in the CNMI, participants formed dis-

cussion groups, where they reflected on solutions to the disadvantages, transpiring ideas that could be implemented, within two years, and by the end of the 5-year plan. For example, to resolve the issue of expensive feed, groups concluded that purchasing feed from the Philippines, instead of the U.S. mainland, would cut feed costs by 30 percent immediately. Within two years, aqua farmers in the CNMI would be able to manufacture their own feed, at least for one commodity. By the end of the 5-year plan, the CNMI would be able to manufacture a majority of its feeds.

"I commend the efforts of CREES in garnering the community's participation in the planning of a significant aspect of the CNMI's future economy," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "I am confident in their ability and insight to come up with an effective plan for the CNMI."

NMC-CREES will be working alongside Simon Ellis of the Micronesian Environmental Research Institute, who has been assigned by SPC to aid CREES in drafting the plan. The plan is expected to be presented to the CNMI public in about six months. (NMC)

## NO DOCTOR

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physician assistant is very capable and has 30 years of experience while the midlevel provider has about 10 years.

Hofschneider described Wijay's leave as "compassionate" in nature and he believes the two alternates could handle the doctor's responsibilities.

"They are able to treat patients," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*.

In the case of serious illnesses, he said the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan is always on standby for any consultation or call from the Tinian Health Center.

For emergency cases, Hofschneider said, patients are sent to CHC right away.

There has been no situation or instance, he said, that patients are rejected and turned down for accommodation at the center.

Tinian residents have expressed frustration with the situation at their health center where there is not enough doctors or no doctor at all. The center has

had only one designated physician for several years now.

The resident director of the Tinian Health Center, Ray Dela Cruz, was off-island yesterday when contacted by *Saipan Tribune*, but he was expected to return that same day.

Hofschneider admitted that funding is also a major concern in the center's efforts to bring in more doctors.

He hopes that collaboration with the Department of Public Health, the Tinian municipality and the Fitial administration will soon address the funding issue so they could hire an additional doctor.

"With this new partnership that we have with the DPH secretary, the Tinian mayor, and the administration... we're very optimistic that we can address the concerns that we have in our health center," Hofschneider added.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the center has a total of 15 nurses.

Hofschneider said the center accommodates about 50 patients daily during regular working hours and that all staff members are doing their best to address concerns.

## CUC

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In a report submitted to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission on May 5, CUC wants to adjust the LEAC rate from the current \$0.20147 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.27634 per kWh, primarily to reflect changes in fuel oil prices.

This will result in an overall increase of approximately 36 percent in a typical electric bill, or about \$74.87 per month.

CUC said the actual price of fuel oil from October 2009 to May 2010 is higher than the price forecast for the period, prompting the need for the rate hike.

"We note that offsetting this increase in the price of fuel oil, CUC generation efficiency during the most recent period is higher than the efficiency levels used in past LEAC rates, resulting in a favorable impact to CUC ratepayers," CUC told the commission in its May 5 report.

The proposed \$0.27634 per kWh rate is composed of \$0.25740 per kWh for the fuel and lube oil element; \$0.01287 per kWh for the fuel oil pricing volatility element; and \$0.00607 per kWh technical and regulatory support element.

The Public Utilities Commission instituted the LEAC in December 2008—a rate tariff designed to be adjusted periodically generally every six months. The LEAC replaced the monthly fuel adjustment protocol then

in use by CUC.

The LEAC rate tariff is intended to create a just and reasonable fuel and purchased energy rates set by the commission. It was also created to allow CUC to recover its fuel, purchased power and related expenses under regulatory oversight, and remove the month-to-month volatility experienced by consumers under the previous fuel clause used by CUC.

### Refund payments

CUC said all revenue it projects to collect from the new LEAC rate will be used to pay for the refunds of customers.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that CUC projects to collect \$4.9 million from June to September 2010 under the new rate, if approved by the commission.

CUC said the recommended rate also takes into consideration the reconciliation of prior period balances associated with CUC's costs, incurred for fuel and lube oil, fuel oil inventory build-up, financial and regulatory expenses, and power generation efficiency projects.

"As an integral part of the true-up process it is necessary that any over or under recovery of CUC's earlier fuel adjustment factor which was take effect in January 2009 be properly determined and any overpayments be credited back to ratepayers or underpayments be included as recoverable cost in the LEAC rate," CUC stated in its report.

The commission has set a hearing next week before it decides on the proposal.

## SENATE

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period that Interior's five-point recommendation doesn't provide any benefit to the local population.

"Should any of this five-point recommendation be passed or accepted by the U.S. Congress, the Chamorros and Carolinians of the CNMI will be placed on an endangered species book. We will become endangered species," Tenorio told senators prior to voting on the joint resolution.

Former governor Juan N. Babauta, who was also present in the Senate gallery, told *Saipan Tribune* after the session that Interior should have consulted the CNMI first before submitting the report and recommendation to the U.S. Congress. Babauta is a candidate for CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives under the Republican Party.

Senators said their main reason for rejecting the Interior report is the lack of consultation with the CNMI governor, before finalizing and submitting the report on April 29 in Washington, D.C.

The Interior report recommends to Congress conferring U.S. citizenship, or granting permanent residence status, to alien workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years, among five possible options.

### Public hearings

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said the Senate joins the House in asking Congress to "direct" the Interior to "consult" with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, as mandated by Public Law 110-229 or the federalization law.

Manglona, who is a member of Fitial's working group on the Interior report, said the Senate also joins the House in asking Congress to "direct"

the Interior to "collaborate" with the CNMI governor "in preparing and submitting to Congress a report that includes the Commonwealth government's position and recommendations as to the future status of the alien worker population" in the CNMI.

The Senate president said the Legislature plays a big role in conducting public hearings to hear from community members about their views and feelings on any recommendation for improved immigration status of foreign workers.

"Should the U.S. Congress direct OIA to resubmit a report only after consulting with the CNMI government and working with the local government, the Legislature will work with the administration in coming up with recommendations on the status of foreign workers. But even without the U.S. Congress' response, nothing prevents the CNMI Legislature from conducting public hearings," he said.

Manglona, along with Fitial and possibly House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), will be attending a May 18 congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of the federalization law in the CNMI.

He said the hearing provides an opportunity for the CNMI to express its concerns to Congress on the Interior report and recommendations.

"It's not yet too late," he added.

### 'An insult'

Just like House members, senators took turns explaining their support for the joint resolution.

"The report was prepared and finalized without consultation with the governor as mandated by PL 110-229," said Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

Senate Vice President Jude U.

Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) said that, while the CNMI needs foreign workers, Interior should have consulted the CNMI first about its recommendations on the status of alien workers.

"We do need nonresident workers. We're simply asking DOI to give us the opportunity to be part of the discussion before any recommendation is given to Congress. We should be part of the discussion. It's an insult [that we were not consulted]," Torres told his colleagues.

Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), for their part, said both Interior and Congress should be "mindful" and "respectful" of the Covenant provisions pertaining to the CNMI's rights.

Lawmakers are generally opposed to the outright granting of U.S. citizenship to nonresident workers in the CNMI.

But to date, the Legislature and the Fitial administration have no clear choice as to which of the five options presented by Interior on improving the immigration status of long-term alien workers is amenable to the CNMI government.

Some members of the governor's working group tossed the idea of requiring an eight-, 10-, or 15-year legal stay in the CNMI for foreign workers to become eligible for an improved status, rather than the five-year threshold proposed by Interior.

Worker groups in the CNMI, meanwhile, will hold a motorcade and assembly on Sunday, May 16, to show support for Interior's recommendations, and to urge Congress to act quickly on them.

The "Unity Movement Motorcade and Assembly" will begin at Kilili Beach in Susupe at 2pm, and end at the American Memorial Park in Garapan at 5pm.



## SGH donates bed sheets and pillows to hospital

Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, along with other hospital officials, received on Monday a donation of over 2,000 hospital materials from the Saipan Grand Hotel.

Ed Cho, Saipan Grand Hotel general manager, was joined by Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Ed Arriola Jr. in turning over 128 pieces of bed pads; 437 bed sheets; 1,433 pillow cases; 257

pillows; and 12 duvets.

"We're all susceptible to falling ill at any time, and should an urgent medical emergency occur we'd find ourselves at the CHC," said Cho. "The donation of these items bulks up the inventories of the CHC. The Grand Hotel is confident that the hospital will make good use of this donation and we wish we had more to give." (Moneth Deposa)

### OUT OF 105 POSITIONS RESTORED:

## PSS fills 70 teacher and counselor posts to date

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REPORTER

Of the 105 teacher and counselor positions funded by the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, over 70 have already been filled by the Public School System, which means that only about 30 positions remain vacant, according to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan.

The new hires, most of whom are from off-island, will be joining the PSS workforce by the opening of the new school year on Sept. 7.

"As of today, our count is down to 30-some from the original 105 positions. We recruited them and they made the commitment to start in the new school year," she told *Saipan Tribune* Tuesday, adding that majority of the new hires are classroom teachers.

PSS has been on an extensive recruitment campaign for teachers and had sent headhunters to several off-island job fairs in the U.S. mainland.

### SFSF funding

PSS received \$24.3 million early last year as its share in the first phase of the \$44 million State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for the CNMI. Under phase two, PSS expects to get \$16 million; the money has yet to be transferred to the CNMI.

Sablan, during Tuesday's Saipan Rotary Club meeting, said the phase 1 money was intended for four purposes: to restore 105 positions that were cut in 2006 because of the lack of local money for education; to buy laptops for junior and high school students; to expand the career vocational technical programs in schools; and to renovate and modernize public schools.

Of the 105 positions restored, 67 are for classroom teachers, 19 are for school counselors, five for school librarians, three for teacher assistants, and the rest for other technical positions.

Sablan said PSS has 565 teachers to date and she is optimistic the number will rise when classes start in three months.



From left, Ed Arriola Jr., TSL Foundation manager; Ed Cho, general manager of the Saipan Grand Hotel; Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez, Secretary of Public Health; April Ricotta, director of Nursing; Feliciano Nepaial; John M. Tagabuel, acting deputy secretary for Hospital Administration; and Melisa T. Jack, executive secretary to the secretary of Public Health. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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## USCIS redesigns ‘green card’

WASHINGTON—The green card carried by foreign-born residents living permanently in the U.S. is officially green again.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday it has redesigned the Permanent Resident Card—commonly known as the “green card”—to incorporate several major new security features.

The green card redesign is the latest advance in USCIS’s ongoing efforts to deter immigration fraud. State-of-the-art technology incorporated into the new card prevents counterfeiting, obstructs tampering, and facilitates quick and accurate authentication. Beginning today, USCIS will issue all green cards in the new, more secure format.

“Redesigning the green card is a major achievement for USCIS,” said Director Alejandro Mayorkas. “The new security technology makes a critical contribution to the integrity of the immigration system.”

The enhanced features will better serve law enforcement, employers, and immigrants, all

of whom look to the green card as definitive proof of authorization to live and work in the United States.

Among the benefits of the redesign: Secure optical media

will store biometrics for rapid and reliable identification of the card holder. Holographic images, laser engraved fingerprints, and high resolution micro-images will make the card

nearly impossible to reproduce. Tighter integration of the card design with personalized elements will make it difficult to alter the card if stolen. Radio Frequency Identification capability will allow Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry to read the card from a distance and compare it immediately with file data. Finally, a pre-printed return address will enable the easy return of a lost card to USCIS.

In keeping with the Permanent Resident

Card’s nickname, it will now be colored green for easy recognition. USCIS will replace green cards already in circulation as individuals apply for renewal or replacement.

The card has been a variety of colors over its decades-long history. The new design has lettering and green shading that make it easier for immigration officials to recognize it. (USCIS)



### CONTACT INFO

For more information on permanent residency and other immigration benefits, visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), or call USCIS's National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283.



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## INVITATION FOR BID PSS-IFB-10-035

### “PAINTING OF TINIAN SCHOOLS”

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the Painting of Tinian Elementary and Tinian High School, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 29, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.10.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, “BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS”. Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, “Competitive Sealed Bidding”.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Tinian High School Library on Tinian. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at [lizb@emchen.com](mailto:lizb@emchen.com) no later than May 20, 2010, 4:30 p.m..

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-035, and submitted with one original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 25, 2010 at which time all bids will be publicly opened in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian  
Procurement Officer



### DONATION

Hawaii-based Reach out Pacific, REPAC, has once again donated a boxful of goods to the CNMI through AngelRay Guerrero, a cancer survivor who is turning 16 this year and was diagnosed with brain tumor when he was 12. Guerrero, not shown in photo as he was in school, donated over 10 boxes of clothing and stuffed toys to the Office of the Victim's Advocate under the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Youth Services. REPAC is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving healthcare services and education in Micronesia.

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### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Eric A. Cruz, center, who is celebrating his special day today, May 13, 2010! Wishing you happiness, good health and many, many blessings. Greetings come from the Rricco Racing Team familia. The celebrant is shown in photo with Eleanor A. Cepeda, left, and Patty Girl A. Cepeda.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Sharon Militante! Enjoy your day! Greetings come from your co-workers, especially from Jas and Aud.

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# Some House members take up dare to undergo drug tests

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**  
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REPORTER

Some House of Representatives members took Senate Floor

## Man who allegedly caused girlfriend to jump from car told to answer charges

The Superior Court found probable cause yesterday to press ahead with the filing of four charges against an ex-convict who allegedly caused his girlfriend to jump from a moving car to escape from being beaten.

Associate judge Perry B. Inos directed Mario M. Reyes to answer the charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Inos remanded the 40-year-old Reyes back to the custody of the Department of Corrections. Arraignment was set for May 17.

Police said the victim sustained abrasions and bruises on the right side of her face, hands, and abdomen. Her right collarbone was also fractured when the car ran over her.

Police reports state that, according to the victim, she and her boyfriend, Reyes, were heading to San Vicente on the night of April 29 as he wanted to purchase "ice."

Reyes pulled over at a store in San Vicente and used her cell phone, whereupon he asked her about the numbers on the phone.

Reyes allegedly got angry

## USCIS offers Webinars for the CNMI Form I-9

The Verification Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is offering a series of one hour Webinars on the CNMI Form I-9 beginning May 20, 2010, from 8am to 9:15am local time.

The Webinar is a live meeting that takes place over the Internet.

The meeting includes a presentation that gives attendees the opportunity to learn about the CNMI Form I-9. The CNMI Form I-9 is only for use in the CNMI and is required for all new hires in the Commonwealth since Nov. 28, 2009. To register for one of the Webinars, go to the Sign Up for a Webinar page, <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=9085bd181e09d110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD&vgnextchannel=75bce2e261405110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>.

Those who need more information or assistance can contact their customer service representative Tuesday through Saturday from 4am to 1pm local time by dialing 1-888-464-4218.

To learn more about the federalization of immigration law

Leader Pete P. Reyes's challenge yesterday to undergo drug tests just like what all nine senators did.

Reyes (R-Saipan), during

and hit her on the head with his hand and grabbed her face. He then accelerated the car he was driving, causing the vehicle to spin out of control.

Fearing for her life, the victim jumped out of the car, but Reyes grabbed her shirt, causing her to go under the car as it was moving.

In another story, several Tinian police officers testified yesterday in connection with the search for a handgun that Vicente T. Aldan failed to surrender. Speaking through the phone, the nine officers denied knowing the whereabouts of the gun.

The hearing will continue today, Thursday.

Aldan testified last week in the government's motion asking him to explain why he should not be held in contempt for not surrendering the gun as the court ordered on Nov. 3, 2009.

He testified that he does not know the whereabouts of the gun and implicated two Tinian police officers who may be aware about it.

Aldan, 52, pleaded guilty to assaulting his former wife in July 2009 on Tinian and was sentenced to six months in prison without parole. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

yesterday's session, called on the 20-member House to also submit themselves to drug tests, after Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) reported that all nine senators tested negative for drugs based on the results received this week.

"I challenge the House of Representatives to also undergo drug testing to remove suspicion on anyone's mind, and deliver a clean bill of health," Reyes said.

For the first time in CNMI history, all nine senators in the 17th

Legislature underwent mandatory drug testing as required in the Senate Rules, which they amended and adopted in January. All results came in this week.

Unlike the Senate, the House's own rules do not require drug testing among members.

Some House members, when asked for comment yesterday, told *Saipan Tribune* that they will undergo drug tests.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said he would undergo a drug test, just like what he did

in the 15th Legislature.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said she will also undergo a drug test to comply with the Drug-Free Work Policy of the CNMI government.

"And to lead by example not only to the young generation but also to employees who are required by personnel rules and regulations that before any employee can begin work with the CNMI government, he or she must submit to a drug test and must prove that he or she is drug-free. Likewise, as lead-

ers, we must also be drug-free," Santos said.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he supports "100 percent" mandatory drug testing among House members.

Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said he will also undergo a drug test "as I believe that all public servants should be drug-free and of sound mind and body."

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said he will do the same.

"As a member of the armed forces [Army Reserve], I get tested every year anyway," he said.

## Man gets 10 days for assaulting woman

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos imposed yesterday a 10-day prison term on a man who banged a woman's head against a tree and choked her.

Faustino P. Litulumar agreed to plead guilty to assault and battery in exchange for a lighter sentence.

He was sentenced to one year

in prison, all suspended, except for 10 days. He was ordered to start serving the prison term at the Department of Corrections on May 20 at 8am.

He was also required to pay a \$25 court assessment fee plus probation fee and perform 100 hours of community service.

Litulumar will be placed on

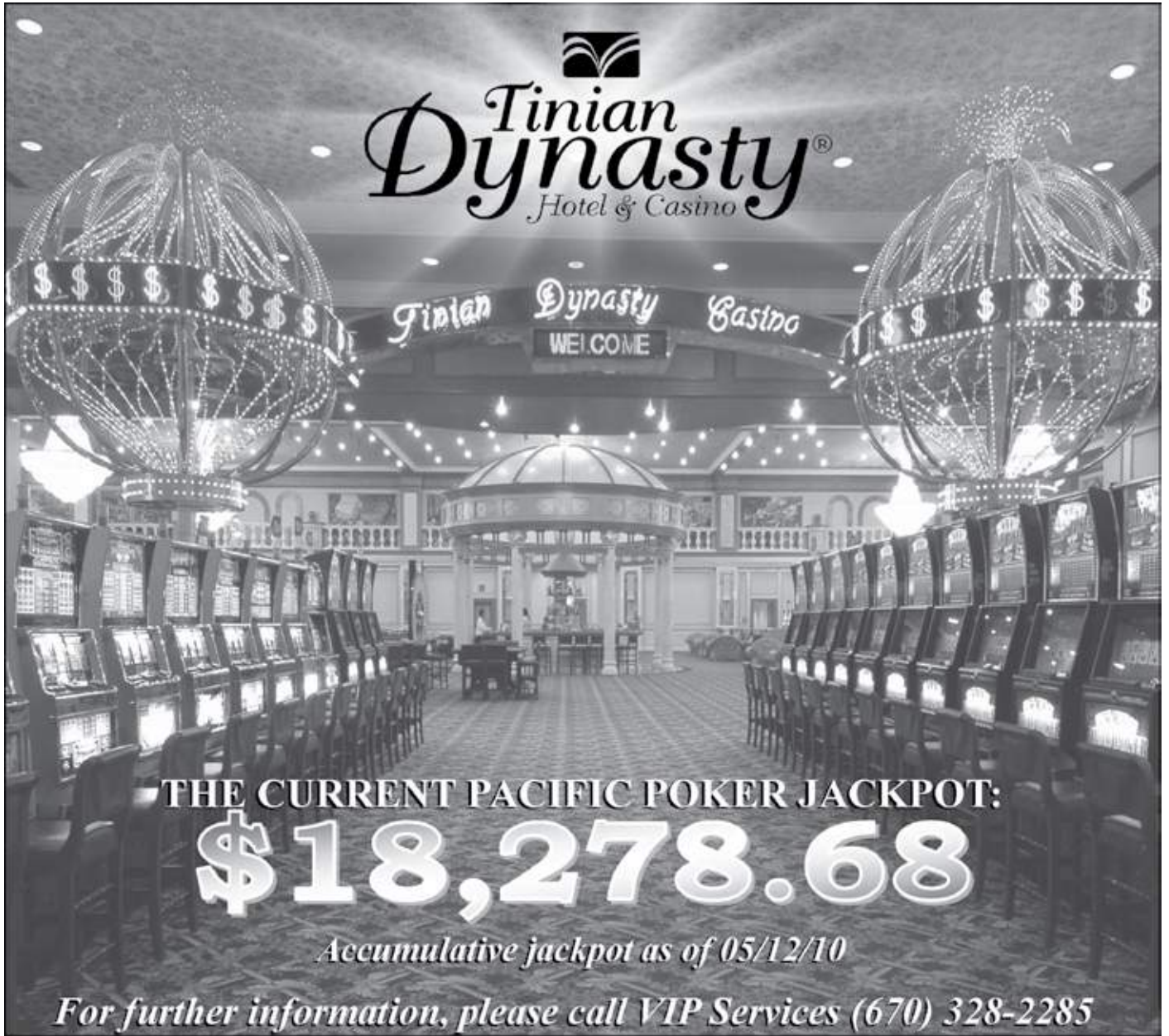
probation and is prohibited from consuming or possessing any alcoholic beverages during the entire period of his probation.

He was also ordered to pay restitution to the victim, write a letter of apology to her, and undergo counseling at the Community Guidance Center.

The Office of the Attorney

General charged the defendant with three counts of assault and battery. He pleaded guilty to one count.

The case arose from a March 14, 2009, incident when Litulumar repeatedly slapped the victim, beat her head against a tree, and choked her. Police said Litulumar also pushed the victim against a car and slapped her. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within thirty (30) days after the date of the second publication of this Summons and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the complaint of the Petitioner and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 506045, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court





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## INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-042

**"REPLACE/REPAIR OF DOORS AND WINDOWS OF TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN, OLEAI, WSR ELEMENTARY AND HOPWOOD JR. HIGH"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Replacement/Repair of Doors and Windows of Tanapag Elementary, Garapan Elementary, Oleai Elementary, WSR Elementary and Hopwood Jr. High** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 6, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$56.45.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at [lizb@emchen.com](mailto:lizb@emchen.com) no later than May 31, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-042, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, June 4, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian  
Procurement Officer

## RP Consulate is happy with 46.6 percent voting turnout

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General is happy with the 46.6 percent turnout during the Filipino overseas absentee voting in the CNMI, describing it as "a very respectable" outcome.

Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig called on all Filipinos in the CNMI yesterday to unite behind their nation's leaders, while waiting for the final results of the national elections.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the manual counting of votes ended yesterday at 3am and the entire process was completed by 6am.

The counting, which began Monday past 12am, was held at the Philippine Overseas Labor Office's Filipino Workers Resource Center at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Macaraig and the chairman of the Special Board of Canvassers flew yesterday afternoon to Manila to bring the results of the voting to the Philippine Senate and the Commission on Elections in Manila.

The final unofficial results of the manual counting showed a landside victory for Liberal Party standard bearer Benigno "Noy" Aquino III and his running mate, Mar Roxas.

Aquino got 2,297 votes, with the administration's bet, Gilberto Teodoro Jr., a distant second with 292 votes, and Nationalista Party's Manuel Villar Jr. at third with just 219 votes.

In the vice presidential race, Roxas got 2,432 votes, while Partido Ng Masang Pilipino's Jejomar Binay was second with 279 votes. Bangon Pilipinas' Perfecto Yasay got the third slot with 137 votes.

A total of 3,341 voters cast their votes from April 10 to May 10, 2010. There are 7,169 registered Filipino overseas voters in the CNMI, but many of them have already left the Commonwealth in the last few years.

"The Consulate extends its gratitude to all the voters, especially those from Tinian and Rota who, despite the distance, took the time to vote using the postal service," said Macaraig in a statement.

He said volunteers took turns witnessing the sealing and opening of ballot boxes and assisted the Consulate in sorting the ballots.

On May 10 itself, the Consulate said 26 volunteers helped consular staff count and canvass the votes in the presence of election watchers and journalists.

"Consulate personnel, together with these dedicated individuals and groups, achieved the immense task of holding an honest, orderly and peaceful elections on Saipan," Macaraig said.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 13, 1999

### PSS projects payroll deficit

The Public School System is projecting a "manageable" payroll deficit of \$200,000 until the end of the fiscal year, counting the payday requirement of some 850 employees as of last week. Based on the personnel budget projection, PSS is scheduled to have 11 paydays after May 8 and will need \$14.8 million to cover salaries alone. According to fiscal and budget officer William Matson, from the \$34.4 million revised allotment for personnel, PSS has already consumed \$19.8 million for payroll. The last quarter allotment will only leave PSS with \$14.6 million to carry the payroll requirement until the end of this fiscal year, reflecting a \$200,000 shortfall.

### Fair wage act hurting local employees

Amid mounting calls for public hearing on the Resident Workers Fair Compensation Act, a legislator urged administration officials to immediately resolve problems stalling its implementation in light of reports that some companies have used the law to terminate local employees. Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes alleged LSG Lufthansa Sky Chefs has started cutting back its local workforce ahead of the implementation of the controversial law—a charge denied by a company official. The senator said the termination shows "serious insensitivity to the equal treatment of employees," adding the government should bar LSG from hiring foreign workers if it continues to discriminate against resident workers.

May 13, 2002

### FAA to reimburse CPA's security costs

Close to \$300,000 of the \$1.19 million spent by the Commonwealth Ports Authority in increasing airport security following the Sept. 11 attacks will be reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration, according to CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios. Palacios said a total of \$294,173 in reimbursements will be released by the FAA once the CPA completes the submission of the grant application, which is required under the \$175-million security package offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Palacios said the FAA mailed out all grant offers in April, giving all airport officials across the United States, including territories, the chance to draw-down money from the airport security reimbursement funds.

### Senate confirms Villanueva

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Frankie B. Villanueva as Secretary of the Department of Finance during last Thursday's third special session. Except for senators Thomas P. Villagomez, Diego M. Songao and Ricardo Atalig, who were absent and excused from the session, all members present voted to confirm Villanueva to his post, after months of keeping the appointee on tenterhooks. Villanueva was not immediately available for comment. The session was on relatively short notice and it was learned that the Senate had to immediately act on Villanueva's appointment as his term limit was set to expire on May 12, a Sunday.

May 13, 2003

### CHC lacks delivery rooms, equipment

The Commonwealth Health Center currently faces a severe shortage of rooms in its Labor and Delivery area, with only five rooms that also serve as multi-purpose rooms for all pregnant patients. CHC's Ob-Gyne department head Dr. Frederick Christopher Bieling said in a report that the L&D area has been "flat-out running out of space." At times, he said, less urgent patients have to be transferred to the postpartum ward because of the lack of beds in L&D. At other times, patients who have delivered cannot leave L&D as there is no bed for them on the maternity ward.

### OTEC proposer to visit CNMI

Officials of the Maryland-based firm that wants to build a \$50-million Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion plant on Saipan are set to visit the CNMI soon to meet with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. so it could explain the project to the CNMI people. According to Public Information Officer Peter Callaghan, the company, Sea Solar Power International, would also be here to find a suitable location on the island to build the plant. "I would say that that would probably last a week." He did not cite a specific date for the visit, saying it is still being finalized. The group will be led by SSPI president Robert J. Nicholson III. "This gentleman is bringing in experts with him to show where the best places on the island are to build the plant and have access to deep water," Callaghan added.



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## INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-043

**"REPLACE/REPAIR OF DOORS AND WINDOWS OF DANDAN ELEMENTARY, SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY, CHACHA JR. HIGH AND KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Replacement/Repair of Doors and Windows of Dandan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Chacha Jr. High and Kagman High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 6, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$56.45.

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### EDITORIAL

## Arizona has a right to be wrong

President Barack Obama's administration and a host of other critics have lambasted Arizona's new law allowing police to question individuals they suspect of being in the country illegally. The president says the new policy endangers "basic notions of fairness." That's a sound criticism of a misguided law.

What is not so sound is the notion of challenging the measure as unconstitutional, something being entertained by the U.S. Justice Department. At this point, at least, it's too early to conclude that the state is overstepping its legitimate powers or violating anyone's rights.

There are two central grounds for a lawsuit. The first is that by allowing cops to demand proof of legal residence from anyone they reasonably suspect of being here illegally, the law ordains racial profiling, which is illegal.

But that argument doesn't look promising. In its original form, the law said police could not use race as the sole reason for suspecting someone was an illegal immigrant, which left open using it as one reason. Later, though, the Arizona legislature barred any consideration of race by police.

It's possible that cops will target Latinos anyway. But the courts are not likely to block implementation of the law on the theory that it's impossible to enforce without racial profiling. They would need evidence compiled after the law has gone into effect.

The second basis for a lawsuit is the claim that by legislating on immigration, a federal responsibility, the state is meddling in areas where it must yield to a higher authority. In this view, federal legislation pre-empts the states from adopting their own measures.

But just because the statute affects illegal immigrants doesn't mean Arizona is out of line. In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a California ban on the employment of illegal immigrants. Congress could explicitly bar states from legislating on such matters, but it hasn't.

The Justice Department could argue that by obliging cops to detain illegal immigrants and turn them over to federal authorities, Arizona will impose an expensive burden on Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. It could also claim that by antagonizing Mexico, whose president has denounced the law, the state has undermined U.S. foreign policy.

But those arguments are shaky on both legal and political grounds. All Arizona is doing, after all, is shoring up enforcement of laws enacted by the federal government.

"It may seem a bit curious to argue that a state is interfering with federal policy by rounding up too many violators, unless the policy is non-enforcement," says George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley. It would also be problematic to say we can't offend our neighbor to the south by enforcing our own immigration laws.

While Arizona's purported remedy for its illegal immigration dilemma is clumsy and dangerous, it's not beyond the reasonable scope of state authority.

Arizona ought to have considerable freedom to address the problem as it sees fit. And the other 49 states should be free to spurn its solution.

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## Face your FEAR

*Make your life a masterpiece by taking the 60 Day Challenge. You are the artist that can create any life you want by setting and achieving worthwhile goals. Each week until May 20th this column will share ideas and stories to help motivate you toward your objectives.*

There was an urban legend, in the small Idaho town I lived, that a car parked under a certain tree in the St. John cemetery at midnight on the night of a full moon would not be able to start. Not having much else to do while cruise'n the streets with a couple of my friends and our girlfriends, we noticed there was a full moon and decided to put the story to the test.

At the appointed hour, we parked under the designated tree and the six of us sat for a few minutes before the driver, Roger, turned the ignition key. I swear the engine turned over, but the car would not start. This caused some mild panic, but we reasoned that the engine must be flooded so we waited for a few minutes.

Then, what happened next seemed like a scene from a cheap horror flick. About 50 yards to our left, we heard some eerie sounds and turned our heads to see what looked like a couple of white ghosts move between two large evergreen trees. The girls were screaming as Roger frantically tried to start the car again, but with no success.

It took a few minutes for us to collect some of our wits. Even though I felt fear, I did not want to live with it after we left, so I decided to investigate the area. I asked for volunteers to go with me, but no one wanted to leave the safety of the car. So I opened the car door and before I could leave, one of the girls hit the lock and was trying to close the door on me. I wrestled it open so I could squeeze back in because I knew my friends would leave me stranded in the cemetery at midnight if the car eventually started (that's what friends would do to each other in high school). I convinced Roger to come with me to check it out, not only because he had the keys, but he was also a heavyweight wrestler on the school team.

We cautiously walked over to the trees where we'd seen the apparitions to see what was behind them, and to our surprise we saw a couple of people hiding, a man and his son. They also knew about the midnight-full-moon-story, and they came to the cemetery that night with some white sheets and a portable tape player with some eerie sounds so they could play a prank on unsuspecting people. With the mystery solved, we had a good laugh with them...but we still couldn't explain why the car wouldn't start [cue eerie music].

Fear is a natural response to a real or perceived threat. If something is dangerous, fear will keep you at a safe distance or cause you to flee. However, some people create their own fear from imagined scenarios that have not yet occurred. This keeps them from setting, starting, or finishing their goals because of the fear of failure, rejection, or uncertainty.

FEAR has been described as an acronym for "False Evidence Ap-

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pearing Real." A child in a lit room may have no fear, yet the child will experience emotions ranging from mild anxiety to sheer terror when the lights are turned off. Nothing changed except for the imagined perception (false evidence) of danger in a dark room that has become the child's reality. As long as the child hangs onto their FEAR, the dark room will remain as a threat.

The problem with fear is it can be so debilitating that it keeps individuals from reaching their full potential. Rather than facing their fears, they create a world of worry, apprehension, and paranoia. They let fear get the best of them, fail to set goals, start them, or finish something they've started. Rather than face their fears, they allow fear to control them and they live among "those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."—President Teddy Roosevelt.

When newly elected President Franklin Roosevelt (fifth cousin to Teddy) addressed the nation during the height of the depression in 1933, he reminded the nation's "common difficulties" concerned "only material things." He reassured the citizens that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

We are now experiencing economic hardship—to some it feels like someone has turned the lights off and we're living in dark times. Many people are living in various stages of fear of what the future may bring. Rather than live in fear, you should face your fear, identify what's behind it, and then take action to "convert retreat into advance."

False or misinterpreted evidence can appear real, when in reality, the threat is imagined and has not happened, or may never happen. Even though our senses saw and heard what appeared to be cavorting ghosts in the St. John cemetery, I made a decision to face my fear and look at what was really behind those trees.

That's why serious goals that you're committed to achieve can be a great catharsis for fear because it can release you from the "false evidence" and get you to rise toward a positive future reality rather than sink into dismal despair. Stand apart from those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat, stop focusing on the false evidence, face your fears, and determine that you want to join with those who have goals and who know where they are going.



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# Avoid rushing to judgment

By GLEN HUNTER

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*Editor's Note: The following is the written testimony submitted by the author to the 17th CNMI Legislature on House Joint Resolution 17-4. As of this publication, the CNMI House of Representatives and Senate have already adopted the joint resolution.*

I would like to provide testimony in regards to any resolution that the 17th CNMI Legislature is planning to adopt in response to the Secretary of the Interior's Report on the Alien Worker Population in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Interior report).

Rather than taking at face value the articles that ran in the local papers this week, I would like to believe that you, our elected officials, will not rush to judgment and take any official positions on the Interior report without first consulting thoroughly with the individuals you represent. I am one of your constituents and I would like to use this opportunity to inform you of my position on the Interior report.

I am sure that before moving forward with any resolution you will be gathering and receiving many more testimonies from other members of our close-knit community. I would like to commend you in advance for taking all opinions and recommendations from the community into consideration before acting on any measure that may have been drafted in haste.

I love the CNMI and I have been blessed with the privilege of being able to call it my home for the last 36 years. I am a US Citizen and a resident of the CNMI. I have voted in every CNMI election since 1993 and I have watched the entire life cycle of our CNMI guest worker system from its inception in the early 1980s to its conclusion just last year. While we can sit back and in hindsight rip apart and criticize our past CNMI immigration system, let us turn towards the CNMI's future rather than dwell on its past.

Tony Pellegrino said it best when he said, "We have diamonds beneath our feet." So many opportunities abound. I see a future in which the CNMI is a world class, high-end tourist destination. I see a future in which we are the Pacific leaders in the agriculture and aquaculture fields. I see a future in which we set a shining example for the world in regards to environmental conservation and protec-

tion of marine sanctuaries. I see so much more, too.

The future I speak of, the future I see, is not decades away. It is upon us now. As I write this, schools in the CNMI are honing the skills needed to farm-raise numerous food items in new and innovative ways. Hotels and resorts are upgrading facilities and vendors are streamlining and developing advanced optional tour offerings. At this moment the Northern Mariana Islands are now home to the one of the largest protected oceanic zones in the world. There are many other exciting projects underway, and still more opportunities yet to be discovered.

Our future progress depends on our ability to stabilize one of the most cherished resources our islands have to offer: our workforce.

Our workforce is a diverse mixture of individuals and skill sets that we need to ensure that our economy continues moving forward. Just as the islands have been for centuries, we are today made up of many people from near and far that have come to these shores and made their homes. Some people have been actively invited or recruited, others have sought these islands out, a few have stumbled upon us by accident, and some were simply passing through only to end up staying. Many have been here for generations.

These individuals have the skillsets required to dig down beneath the surface of our islands and extract our diamonds.

We can therefore be comforted by the fact that no recommendation contained in the Interior report drastically alters the makeup of our fragile workforce. Each and every recommendation would allow our currently shaky economy to stabilize, and move towards a brighter future. I was extremely worried that the Department of Interior would not consider our unique situation in crafting their recommendations, and would instead recommend a simple and abrupt implementation of federal immigration law in the CNMI exactly as it applies in the rest of the nation. I feared that all CNMI guest workers would be required to immediately abide by standard federal non-immigrant worker procedures. I wondered what would become of the CNMI if all 20,000 CNMI guest workers were forced to exit the CNMI immediately. The effects on our local businesses would have been catastrophic, and the social effects would have been devastating. Truth be told, I had feared this possibility since the onset of federalization.

I am not a strong supporter of big government and for many years have been quite wary of the federal government. In the years,

months, and days leading up to the effective date of federal immigration law in the CNMI, I heard from many business colleagues and friends who were fearful and distrusting of the federal government. They said the federal government would be a beast to deal with, and that federal officials do not care about the CNMI or our unique situation. They said that once federalization went into effect we could kiss our entire foreign worker population goodbye. They said that once the federal government took over our borders, we would lose the Russian and Chinese tourist markets. They said the federal immigration bureaucracy was rigid and unforgiving. When our local government issued umbrella permits in a last ditch effort to ensure that our foreign workforce would not be sent packing after November 2009, they said the federal government would not honor those permits and the workers would still have to leave. They even said the canoes from my grandfather's islands would no longer be allowed to come to these shores once federal immigration law applied here.

All my fears so far have been relieved. First, I discovered that the Secretary of Homeland Security decided to grant parole to Chinese and Russian tourists. Then I learned that the federal government had decided to honor umbrella permits, and more recently even granted parole to foreign workers who failed to get those last minute umbrella permits. And, just last month, another outrigger canoe from Micronesia passed safely through federal waters and was welcomed on the neighboring island of Guam.

But because I am a skeptic, the recent concessions by the federal government made me worry that we would not be so lucky with the submittal of the congressionally mandated Interior report. Once again, however, I have found that I was afraid for no real reason. The Interior's recommendations would allow our labor force to remain intact. If Congress does not act on these recommendations soon, however, we may then have real justification to be worried.

Thankfully, where the CNMI is today and where I imagined we would be after federalization are two very different places.

So where do we go from here? Now that DOI has made recommendations that would facilitate the economic recovery and success of the CNMI, it is up to U.S. Congress to act on these recommendations. I understand from the newspapers that the CNMI Legislature has drafted a resolution rejecting all the recommendations.

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## Let's change our problematic thinking

**"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."**

—Albert Einstein

By JANE MACK

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Our Legislature clings to problematic thinking. It wants foreign workers in large numbers who stay and live here and help us at cheap labor rates, but who have no rights. This thinking has resulted in a community that has more than 15,000 men and women who have lived and worked here for more than five years (some longer than 20 years!), but who are called "nonresident" and who are denied the basic human rights of permanent residency and a path toward citizenship.

How can we change our thinking? Here are some thoughts on the subject of the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to grant permanent status to some aliens in the CNMI.

### We are afraid they will stay. We will be minorities in our own home islands.

In truth our indigenous may already be minorities in the CNMI. We ourselves caused this situation by our liberal immigration policies. We, the CNMI, controlled immigration and authorized the unprecedented entry of tens of thousands of foreign workers. We continue to promote plans that overwhelm our local population with non-indigenous. At present, our leaders seek to have 4,000 U.S. military men and women brought to our islands to live while on duty. We need their economic help. But we fear the stranger. We don't know him. He may hurt us. Just his difference is threatening. It calls into question how we live, how we think. We fear they will bring in their relatives, and outnumber us. Yet we embrace our faith. Pope Benedict XVI says, "Every man and woman may be regarded as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father." Our brothers and sisters from foreign lands are here because we asked them to come and help us. How shall we treat our brothers and sisters? Can we be a minority when we are all children of the same Father?

### We will lose control over our "self-government."

Our Covenant guarantees us the right to govern ourselves in local matters. We fear losing control and not being treated with respect. Our pride is wounded, but on a much more fundamental level we are scared of not being free to be who we are, to live in our place, to practice our culture, to raise our children as we want. Our Covenant grants us the right of self-government, but not a permanent indigenous majority. We have signed on to equality. Right now, any U.S. citizen who comes to the CNMI can register to vote after being present just 90 days. Yet these workers who have been here for five years or longer cannot vote. They know us better, many speak our languages, they know our ways and show respect. Why should we fear their voice in our community? Our right to self-government is a democratic freedom. Democracy is about shared responsibility in a community where individuals have protected rights and the ability to participate fully in government. We can't claim democratic principles and deny to longtime residents in our community the right to participate in that democracy.

### They will take our jobs.

For decades under CNMI control of immigration, we have seen a system where cheap foreign labor has been imported and these workers have taken our jobs. They work for low wages and willingly take abuse just to keep the job they so desperately need. We want to work. We want others to work and do their jobs, too. We find self-value and self-esteem in our work. We have resented being displaced and called lazy. In truth, foreign workers have taken our jobs because we controlled immigration and allowed them to do this. If they are granted rights, they will be us and will stand by us for better wages, better working conditions, better economic opportunities. And they will pay taxes and spend their money here, where they are now invested in the community. We can create a better economy together. We have nothing to fear because we have value; our work, our contribution is needed.

### They will take our food stamps, LIHEAP, Medicaid, etc.

We have limited resources for the poor. We do not want our benefits reduced because there are more poor people. The U.S. has already

crafted a remedy for this problem: many new permanent residents are prohibited for five years from receiving these types of benefits. If the U.S. gives permanent resident status (green cards) to our foreign workers, they can provide for this limitation, this protection for us.

### We should not reward illegal aliens who violated our laws.

We have a sense of justice. We have laws that we want enforced fairly and evenly. We don't like having in our community people who have broken our criminal laws, or illegal aliens who were supposed to leave but didn't. Yet the proposal by the U.S. Department of the Interior would not necessarily allow such people to get status. The U.S. has grounds for inadmissibility, which include serious criminal conduct. We do not need to fear that known, proven criminals will get status. The proposal is for those who have legally stayed here for five years to be granted status. There is no slap in our face or disrespect of our laws; no granting status to newcomers who have overstayed.

### They will leave when they get status.

We have brought these workers here to help us. We fear that they will leave when we are most vulnerable and most in need of help. We fear that we will look bad or foolish. We want to be good. We want others to think well of us. And we fear that the departure of a large number of foreign workers granted status will embarrass us. Yet we know our own people have left in droves because economic opportunities are better in the U.S. mainland. Undoubtedly, some of the foreign workers, if granted U.S. permanent residency, would leave. But others will stay as we have stayed—because this is our home and we love it.

### They are greedy.

We brought in foreign workers as "temporary" workers. We always told them it was temporary. We always said they would have to leave. We fear that they have just "used" us for their own ends. Yet we are all human beings with dignity and grace. When we permitted foreign workers to stay for five, 10, 15, 20 and more years, we knew






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# The Weather

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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼78
Palau	Breezy	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Breezy	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼75
Pohnpei	Rainy	▲86 ▼78
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲88 ▼81
Majuro	Showers	▲86 ▼78

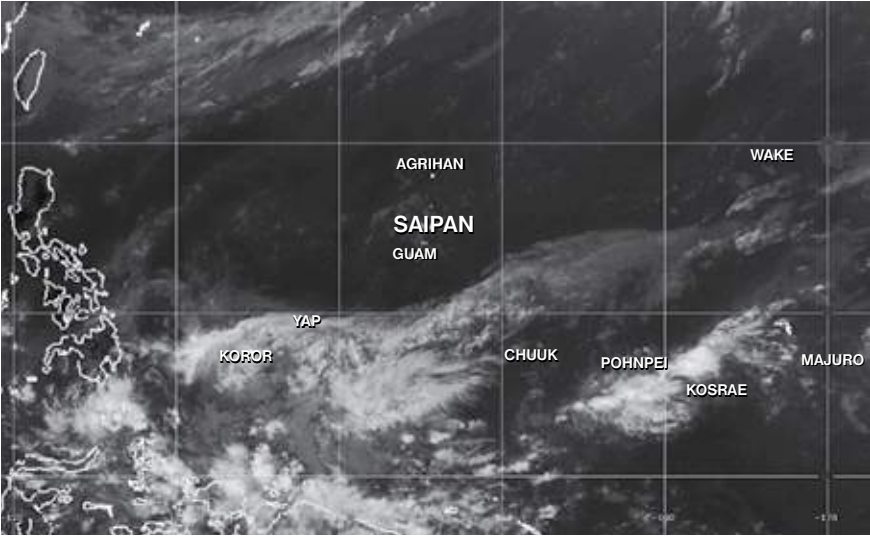
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Los Angeles	Sunny	▲74 ▼55
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Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼52
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Saipan Harbor				
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough of low pressure is generating an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms far to the south of Palau between the equator and 3N from 130E to 136E. A trade-wind disturbance southeast of Palau is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 3N and 7N from 140E to 148E. A second trough of low pressure extends from 3N157E to 10N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough can be found between Pohnpei and Kosrae or within 180 miles east and west of the trough axis. Low level wind convergence east of the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall Islands between 3N and 8N from 166E to 170E and between 2N and 8N from 170E to 180. A cold front enters the discussion area near 25N141E and stretches to 21N130E where it exits the discussion area. Low clouds and showers can be found along and up to 300 miles north of the boundary.

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## O P I N I O N

## Letters to the Editor

## Enact pot legalization

I am personally writing to express my unyielding support for Rep. Stanley Torres's House Bill 17-47, which will legalize marijuana use in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Legalizing recreational marijuana would provide an immediate positive overhaul to CNMI tourism, ushering planeloads of affluent tourists escaping severe anti-marijuana laws in Asia, largely hailing from Japan. Recreational use of marijuana is rapidly rising in Japan, especially among the most educated and wealthy Japanese citizens, exactly those whom the CNMI wants as tourists. Moreover, marijuana legalization is something our local leaders can realistically implement in order to aid our sagging economy and not the usual pie-in-the-sky plans currently being explored and proposed.

Stopping marijuana prohibition enforcement would leave our police and judiciary with critical resources needed to combat real societal problems such as robberies, burglaries, and methamphetamine use—instead of wasting time fighting a losing battle against casual marijuana use. In these times of stretched home budget and rising health insurance premiums, marijuana can provide compassionate, cost-effective therapy for CNMI's *man'amko* citizenry who are suffering from terminal illness, without fear of police break-

ing down the door. Furthermore, amid plans for increased taxes on liquor and cigarettes, I firmly believe that the Commonwealth would fare far better from the revenues raised under single tax on commercial sale of marijuana—with minimal or no adverse impact to current sales enjoyed by the local stores—than the former proposals.

Society problems? Marijuana is no more harmful (and possibly less harmful) than alcohol, tobacco, and betel nut. It is certainly less harmful than the methamphetamines that even teenagers are now using. And insofar as marijuana use among Saipan residents is already widespread, the only real difference brought about by legalized marijuana would be the possibility of commercial sales and marijuana-related tourism.

For the above reasons, I want to reiterate my strong support for Representative Torres' bill and aptly, personally commend Representative Torres for his foresight and courage in proposing a realistic and feasible path for improving the CNMI's economy. I can only hope that other government leaders and private citizens can act together to expedite the passage of this urgently needed piece of legislation.

**Lann Billy**  
*Tanapag, Saipan*

## No worries

In response to Mr. Vicente M. Sablan's "Surrender the CNMI government to foreign workers," you will not have to worry one bit about "Saipan being overrun" by alien workers with newly given status. As soon as they receive their "papers" you can rest assured they will all relocate

to the U.S. mainland where they will be treated with respect and find jobs that will truly improve their lives.

**Paul Beebe**  
*Spokane, Washington*

## JUDGMENT

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I hope that our elected leaders critically weigh the effects that such a resolution could have on our economy if U.S. Congress decides to listen to this resolution and also reject the Interior recommendations. If that happens, all the fears I have just described may indeed come to pass. Federal immigration law may be applied with a broad brush, and many of the hard-working, dependable individuals in our workforce may be lost forever.

Other than my concerns about the economic impact of losing all of our foreign workers here today, I would like to touch briefly on the concerns I have heard from others about the social impact of Interior's recommendations. One of the most prevalent fears I have

heard about is in regard to voting rights. I know that a few people are worried that contract workers will vote if granted status. I have grown up with many of the contract workers on this island, and their children. We all must realize that after so many years, many of them and their children are already voting in the CNMI. I find nothing wrong with a guest worker who has been in the CNMI for many years being allowed to vote. At the moment any U.S. citizen from anywhere can move here and vote after 90 days. Why would it bother me if a person who has been here for five years is allowed to vote? I do not understand this reasoning.

Finally, another concern I have heard is that foreign workers will leave the CNMI if they are granted status. But the truth is that nothing has prevented any worker from ever leaving the CNMI at any time, for any

reason, to almost any location. I have no problem with a guest worker having the ability to leave the CNMI if he so chooses. One can safely assume, however, that most of the people who have lived here for five or more years do consider this place home, and I find it difficult to believe that a vast majority of them would simply get up and leave should Congress act on any of the Interior recommendations. Long-term guest workers in the CNMI are no different from anyone else who has lived here for many years: it is just not that easy to get up and leave the place you call home. Clearly not every skilled and capable U.S. citizen has left the CNMI today. I count myself as one. Skilled and capable guest workers who have already lived here for many years will also feel strongly about staying, as I do, and will continue to call this place home.

cronesians in the Trust Territory. We were called greedy because we wanted to secure our own rights. Are these men and women who have worked beside us for years, who have nurtured our children, nursed our sick, built our homes and lived with us any more greedy than we were?

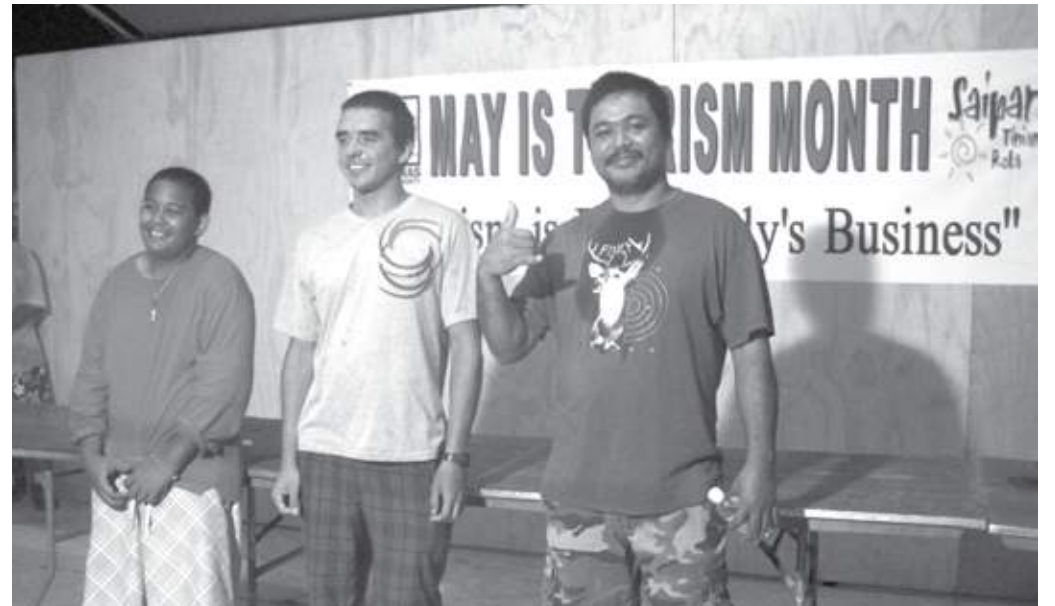
I hope the U.S. Congress will act quickly and pass legislation in conformity with the recommendations of the U.S. Depart-

ment of the Interior. I hope that people in this community will let the CNMI Department of Indigenous Affairs, our local legislators, our Congressman Greg "Kilili" Sablan, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. President know that you too support rights for our foreign brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth.

*Jane Mack is a lawyer who's been practicing in the CNMI for many years now.*

## L O C A L

## Andres Buitrago rules hotdog eating competition at 'Taste'



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Hotdog Eating Contest winners, from left, Kai Shiano, champion Andres Buitrago, and Anthony Camacho savor their victory at the Taste of the Marianas on May 8, 2010, at American Memorial Park, Saipan.

For being the quickest among 15 international competitors, Andres Buitrago took the title as the Taste of the Marianas Hotdog Eating Champion on Saturday night, May 8, at American Memorial Park, Saipan.

Besting the competition by downing three hotdogs in the quickest time, Buitrago walked away \$50 richer. Second place and its \$30 prize was captured by Anthony Camacho, and in third and winning \$20 was Kai Shiano.

The event highlighted the evening's competition at the festival, where island hotels and restaurants offered fine fare at reasonable fare and live entertainment ran nonstop. The Taste of the Marianas is put on

by the Marianas Visitors Authority every Saturday at 6pm in May in celebration of Tourism Month.

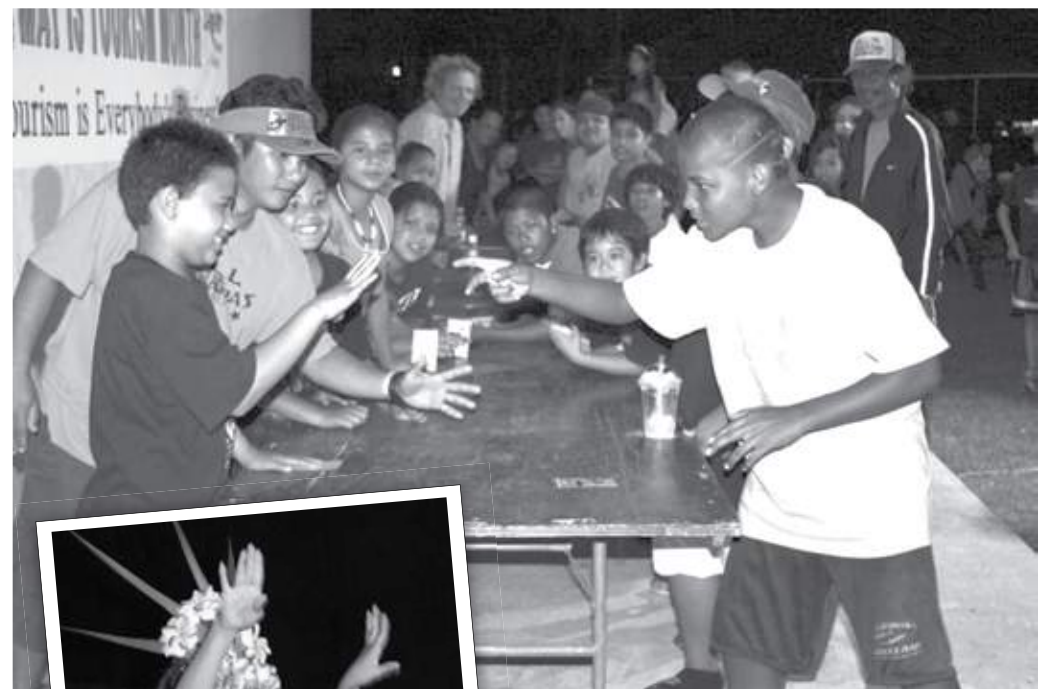
"Overall, our first two weekends of Taste of the Marianas have been a success," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "The crowds seem to agree with us that there's not better place for great food and live entertainment on a Saturday night during Tourism Month."

Duenas also acknowledged Triple J Five Star Wholesale, Herman's Bakery, and Hyatt Regency Saipan for sponsoring the hotdog eating contest.

Pacific Islands Club Saipan attracted a small crowd at the back stage with their Paper, Scissors, & Rock Tournament

fundraiser for Marianas March Against Cancer. For only \$1, each competitor of the *jan ken pon* game had a shot at walking away with half of the proceeds of every round, with the other half going to MMAC.

This May 15's Taste of the Marianas face-off will be the SPAM Cook-off at 7pm. Next Saturday, May 22, will be the Bartender's Cocktail Competition, pitting a number of the island's bartenders against in each other in a contest of Originality, Taste, Showmanship, Neatness and Audience Impact. The Chef's Competition featuring hotel junior chefs and highlighting a special cut of Certified Angus Beef will be held on May 29 at 7pm. (MVA)



A rousing game of Paper, Scissors, Rock draws a crowd at the Taste of the Marianas on May 8, 2010, at American Memorial Park, Saipan. Half the proceeds of the tournament will be donated by Pacific Islands Club Saipan to this weekend's Marianas March Against Cancer.

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An island beauty at Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden on May 8, 2010, at American Memorial Park, Saipan. The festival is being held each Saturday during May Tourism Month by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

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# Salvation Army gets \$25K from FHB to buy car

**HAGĀTÑA, Guam**—The Salvation Army in Guam has been given a \$25,000 grant by the First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, the charitable arm of First Hawaiian Bank, according to a May 5 announcement by Don Horner, chairman and chief executive officer. The funds have been used to purchase a new four-wheel drive vehicle for the Salvation Army Family Services Center.

The \$25,000 donation was presented to The Salvation Army Guam, corps officer and Micronesian Island coordina-

tor, Capt. Thomas Taylor, by First Hawaiian Bank senior vice president and Guam and CNMI region manager, Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay.

"The Salvation Army on Guam has been providing an essential safety net for families and have helped many overcome life's most challenging hardships," said Dacanay. "We are pleased to be supporting them in their efforts to more efficiently reach out to the people in need [in] Guam."

"The Salvation Army — Guam expresses its deep thanks

to First Hawaiian Bank for its generous donation. This grant has allowed us to purchase an all-terrain vehicle that will facilitate taking services to areas we wouldn't otherwise be able to go," said Taylor. "Additionally it gives us an enhanced disaster preparedness. We appreciate so much our community partners like First Hawaiian. We have a slogan, 'It takes an Army' and it truly does. Thanks again for being a great partner as we both seek to enhance community life [in] Guam."

The Salvation Army is an

international faith-based organization founded in England in 1865 and established a unit on Guam in 1992. The Salvation

Army works to alleviate suffering, help people in need, and build hope for the future.

First Hawaiian Bank (fhb.

com) has three branches in Guam and two branches on Saipan. The bank has total assets of over \$14.3 billion. (PR)



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From left, Simion Kihleng, director of Family Services Center, The Salvation Army Guam; Captain Thomas Taylor, corps officer and Micronesian Island coordinator, The Salvation Army Guam; Donna Kloppenburg, director of Public Relations and Development, The Salvation Army Guam; Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay, senior vice president/Guam and CNMI region manager, First Hawaiian Bank.



USCG

Rear Admiral Michael Seward, left, deputy commander for Mobilization & Reserve Affairs Pacific Area, hands out a Coast Guard Commendation Medal to LT Jay Katz, Senior Reserve Officer, during a visit to the Coast Guard Sector Guam on Friday, April 23, 2010.

## Seward visits USCG reserve units in Guam

**GUAM**—Rear Admiral Michael Seward, deputy commander for Mobilization & Reserve Affairs Pacific Area, visited Coast Guard Sector Guam on Friday April 23, 2010.

During his visit, Seward toured the Coast Guard Base to include visiting the Sector Guam and CG Station Apra Harbor. Highlights of his visit included an amazing

helicopter tour around the island by Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and visiting the Guam Army/Air National Guard at Barrigada.

During the Saturday Coast Guard Guam Reservist All Hands, the Admiral conducted a full uniform inspection, handed out awards, and even advanced members to the next higher pay grade.

Seward also met privately

with various groups of the Guam Reserve force.

"This was a truly unique opportunity for Sector Guam Reservists to talk one on one with the Senior Reserve Leadership," said LT Jay Katz, Senior Reserve Officer, Sector Guam.

The Coast Guard Guam Reservist All Hands was ended with a full Sea Bag Inspection followed by a delicious fiesta. (USCG)

## Bordallo spends Mother's Day with troops in Afghanistan

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—U.S. Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) joined a press conference with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi yesterday regarding a recent congressional delegation trip to Afghanistan.

Pelosi, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, led the five-member delegation to the region over Mother's Day weekend to visit with troops and to review progress in Afghanistan.

U.S. Rep. Susan Davis of California, chairwoman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel; U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts, member of the House Armed Services Committee; and U.S. Rep. Donna Edwards of Maryland, member of the House Science and Technology Committee were also part of the delegation to Afghanistan.

The delegation departed from Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 6, 2010, and made a brief stop in Qatar. The congressional delegation visited troops serving at Qatar's Al Udeid Air Base near the capital of Doha before

departing to Afghanistan.

While in Afghanistan, the delegation received briefings by U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry and Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

The delegation also met with Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul to discuss efforts to curb the Taliban insurrection and to reaffirm United States support for Afghanistan.

The delegation spent Mother's Day visiting with servicewomen stationed in Afghanistan and met with Afghan women to discuss their concerns. The delegation then departed to Ramstein Air Base in Germany where the delegation received a briefing by senior commanders of U.S. Air Forces Europe.

Bordallo and her colleagues also visited wounded warriors from Afghanistan and Iraq currently receiving medical care at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The delegation concluded their time overseas with briefings by Gen. William Ward, Commander of U.S. Africa



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

U.S. Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo and her colleagues visit with soldiers and airmen who are mothers on Mother's Day, May 9, at South Region headquarters of the International Security Assistance Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Pictured from left to right are Ching Eikenberry, wife of U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry; Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, Rep. Susan Davis of California, Rep. Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts, and Rep. Donna Edwards of Maryland.

Command and Lieutenant General John Gardner, Deputy Commander of U.S. European Command on the status of operations in Africa, Europe, and with NATO partners in Afghanistan and Iraq. The briefings were

held at Stuttgart Air Force Base in Germany. The delegation returned to Washington, D.C. late Monday evening.

"I was inspired by the dedication of our troops, especially the young mothers and fathers

who are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq," Bordallo said. "Speaker Pelosi's Mother's Day Congressional Delegation visit to Afghanistan gave us an opportunity to highlight the role of women in our Armed

Forces. We also reviewed the progress of Afghan women under the democratic reforms that Afghanistan has made and the challenges that remain to building a stable and secure Afghanistan." (PR)



## Focus

# Medical marijuana: Pot of gold or pipe dream?

By TRINE TSOUDEOS  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**C**HICAGO—In about a dozen states, you can smoke a joint if you have cancer or HIV and meet certain conditions, like having a doctor's note. In California, you can light up if you have just about anything—headaches, anxiety, epilepsy—and a physician's okay. Illinois could join these states as legislators consider a bill that would allow patients to use marijuana as medicine so long as they have one of 14 conditions and illnesses, from cancer to Crohn's Disease.

But interviews with scientists and physicians and a review of medical literature reveal scant evidence that marijuana is a safe and effective treatment for most of those 14.

A handful of uses in the bill—like pain suffered by people with HIV and cancer—are supported by some solid scientific evidence. But none meet the standards, such as multiple, large, well-designed clinical trials, required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in approving new drugs.

"What defines a medicine? And how do we bring medicines to market?" said Dr. Eric A. Voth, chairman of the Institute on Global Drug Policy. "And we do not bring them through the legislative vote process and say: Here we deem this as medicine."

And yet the momentum across the U.S. leans toward legalizing medical marijuana, with bills being weighed from Pennsylvania to Ohio. On Tuesday, the District of Columbia Council passed a measure that legalizes medical cannabis. Advocates are also championing a change in federal law.

In the world of medicine, there's nothing quite like pot. It's a medicine sold with names like Haze (\$160 an ounce at one California dispensary) and Grand Daddy Purple (\$300 an ounce) and descriptions like "get lifted and be happy," a stigmatized plant with therapeutic promise that few want to study because it remains illegal on the federal level and a drug that raises concerns because you have to smoke it.

"We need more science and we need to treat it like a medicine," said Allan Young, a professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia who is conducting a trial examining the effect of chemicals in marijuana on bipolar disorder.

Advocates say they are only trying to decriminalize use of the plant by sick people who have failed to gain relief from pharmaceutical drugs. Under the Illinois bill, patients with permission from the state and a physician would be able to possess two ounces of dried marijuana or grow a small number of plants.

"These sick people are looking for compassion," said Dan



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**Mike Bruce, of Livonia, Michigan, smokes medical marijuana at the Green Leaf, April 29, 2010. Bruce says it has cut his use of other prescription medications down by half.**

Linn, executive director of the Illinois Cannabis Patients Association. "And if treatment includes cannabis, in Illinois, should we consider these people criminals?"

Illinois rep. Lou Lang, a sponsor of the Illinois bill, said: "We have to think of this as a product, not a drug. Not as a menace. Nobody has ever died from an overdose of marijuana."

But there is reason to worry that marijuana could actually prove harmful for patients with some of the conditions it is supposed to treat.

Take glaucoma, a disease listed in the Illinois bill and often cited by advocates because marijuana can lower the pressure inside the eye. Increased eye pressure is a common feature of glaucoma, and can lead to damage of the optic nerve and blindness.

"They think that even if this unconventional therapy doesn't work that it can't possibly hurt their disease," said ophthalmologist Dr. James Tsai, chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at Yale University School of Medicine

and chairman of the medical advisory board at The Glaucoma Foundation. "However, studies suggest that it might be in fact damaging to do so."

Marijuana only lowers pressure for several hours, requiring patients to continuously medicate day and night, glaucoma experts said. Failing to do so can lead to a rebound spike in eye pressure, which can be damaging. Marijuana also can lower blood pressure, which can damage the optic nerve.

In February, the Journal of Glaucoma ran an editorial warning against using pot to treat glaucoma.

Epilepsy is another disease commonly cited by advocates as treatable because marijuana is suspected to have anti-seizure properties. But ask epilepsy experts and they will tell another story.

"Statistically, there is no evidence that it is effective when used as a therapeutic agent and, besides, it has more side effects than other anti-seizure medications available," said neurologist Dr. Stephan Schuele, medical director of the Northwestern

University Comprehensive Epilepsy Center.

There are serious concerns, said neurologist Dr. Alan Ettinger, Epilepsy Director of Neurological Surgery P.C. in Rockville Center, N.Y., and a member of the executive board of The National Epilepsy Foundation. First, he said, withdrawal among chronic users with epilepsy can cause severe exacerbations of the seizures.

And, he said, some individuals with epilepsy are struggling with depression, sleepiness and cognitive difficulties to begin with. Marijuana can compound these problems, he said.

Like glaucoma and epilepsy, research is mixed when it comes to another commonly cited medical use of marijuana—spasticity in people with multiple sclerosis, according to experts in the field.

One trial in Europe found that objective measures showed cannabis did not affect spasticity, even though patients thought it did, said neurologist Dr. Carlo Pozzilli, director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center in Rome, Italy, who has conducted research on

cannabis and multiple sclerosis. It did, however, affect pain.

"This is the gap between what the patients say and what the doctor sees in terms of objectivity," Pozzilli said. "This is the big problem of cannabis as a therapeutic."

Advocates say marijuana can be a safe and effective alternative to FDA-approved pharmaceuticals, which can come with their own addiction problems and side effects. Mike Graham, a 47-year-old former restaurant manager from Manteno, Ill., said his degenerative disk disease left him bedridden with horrible nerve pain. "It is like getting hit by a baseball bat every time my heart beats," he said. "Boom. Boom. Boom. It doesn't stop."

The painkillers he was taking, including a morphine pump, failed to manage the pain but caused nausea and vomiting, he said. A hospice nurse suggested he try pot. He says it worked. Now he takes several puffs every three hours. "There is no euphoric feeling, but I can have a semblance of a life," said

Graham, co-director of Illinois Safe Access.

His story echoes that of Rev. Wayne Dagit, a Michigan minister also pushing for the Illinois bill who runs a cannabis smokers club in Williamston, Mich.

Dagit said he awakens some mornings in so much pain he can barely move. He has been prescribed oxycodone, a strong painkiller that can become addictive and takes 30 minutes to take effect. "But," he said, "if I can scoot up to the edge of the bed and do one hit (of marijuana), I wait four minutes and it is a euphoric effect and that is all I need."

People long have sought out pot's positive effects, intriguing researchers. Could cannabinoids, which affect areas of the brain that control movement, help people with multiple sclerosis control spasticity? Could the chemicals, which affect areas of the brain associated with stress, help veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder?

In 1999, the Institute of Medicine released a report citing the promise of cannabinoids, recommending short-term use of marijuana for debilitating conditions like intractable pain or vomiting if, among other conditions, all other treatments have failed.

The report mostly calls for more research on uses of cannabis. But since that report, relatively little work has been done. Marijuana's status as an illegal drug, not just in the United States but across much of the world, has stymied researchers.

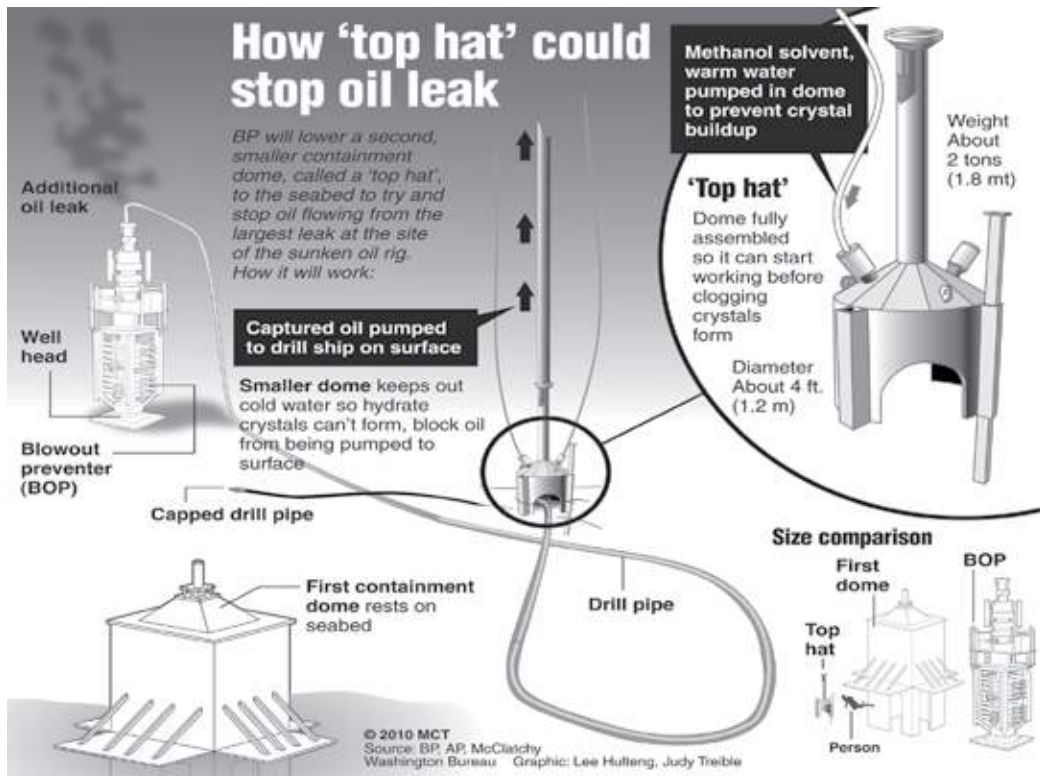
Marijuana, especially smoked marijuana, as a target of research faces serious obstacles, said internist Dr. Eric Larson, a co-author of the 1999 Institute of Medicine report. "It is an orphan drug, there is no U.S. company that is going to promote it and then there's the stigma," he said.

Larson said the social advocacy groups—pro and con—also make marijuana an unpopular choice for researchers: "Many traditional scientists will say, I don't want to have to deal with this sort of wild advocacy group where my science runs the risk of being expropriated for an agenda that isn't about discovery but rather about advocating a point of view."



## Business

# Executives grilled on oil spill 'cascade of failures'



WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress called BP and its drilling partners to account Tuesday for a “cascade of failures” behind the spreading Gulf oil spill, zeroing in on a crucial chain of events at the deep-sea wellhead just before an explosion consumed the rig and set off the catastrophic rupture.

**ON THE GULF OF MEXICO (AP)**—A BP spokesman says a second, smaller oil containment box known as a “top hat” is being brought to the site of a blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Spokesman Bill Salvin tells The Associated Press the box will be lowered to the seafloor,

away from the plume, on Tuesday. He says undersea robots will position it over the gusher by Thursday.

The box is on a vessel in the containment zone right now. Salvin says the box won't be placed over the well right away so engineers can configure it properly and avoid the same kind of ice crystal buildup that stymied their first attempt at using a larger box.

In back-to-back Senate inquiries, lawmakers chastised executives of the three companies at the heart of the massive spill over attempts to shift the blame to each other. And they were asked to explain why better

preparations had not been made to head off the accident.

“Let me be really clear,” Lamar McKay, chairman of BP America, told the hearing. “Liability, blame, fault—put it over here.” He said: “Our obligation is to deal with the spill, clean it up and make sure the impacts of that spill are compensated, and we're going to do that.”

By “over here,” McKay meant the witness table at which BP, Transocean and Halliburton executives sat shoulder to shoulder. And despite his acknowledgment of responsibility, each company defended its own operations and raised questions about its partners in the project gone awry.

that they should have been. Part of the reason is technical: the additional spending is not mandatory, leaving Congress with discretion to provide the funds in follow-on legislation—or not.

Congressional estimators also said they simply had not had enough time to run the numbers. Costs could go higher, because the legislation authorizes several programs without setting specific funding levels.

fewer features than the desktop versions. For businesses, access to the apps is included in the regular Office licensing fees, while the consumer apps will carry advertisements.

Word, Excel, PowerPoint and the other programs that make up Office are by far the most widely used for writing documents, making spreadsheets and designing slide presentations.

## Nation

# AZ gov inks bill targeting ethnic studies

PHOENIX (AP)—Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill targeting a school district's ethnic studies program on Tuesday, hours after a report by United Nations human rights experts condemned the measure.

State schools chief Tom Horne pushed the measure for years, saying the program in a Tucson school district promotes “ethnic chauvinism” and racial resentment toward whites.

The measure prohibits classes that advocate ethnic solidarity, that are designed primarily for students of a particular race or that promote resentment toward a certain ethnic group. It also prohibits classes

that promote the overthrow of the U.S. government.

Tucson Unified School District officials say their program does not promote resentment, and they believe it would comply with the new law.

The district program offers specialized courses in African-American, Mexican-American and Native-American studies that focus on history and literature and include information about the influence of a particular ethnic group.

For example, in the Mexican-American Studies program, an American history course explores the role of Hispanics in the Vietnam

War, and a literature course emphasizes Latino authors. About 1,500 students at six high schools are enrolled.

Elementary and middle school students also are exposed to the ethnic studies curriculum.

The measure concerned six UN human rights experts, who released a statement earlier Tuesday expressing concern about the measure because they believe all people have the right to learn about their own cultural and linguistic heritage.

Brewer spokesman Paul Senseman didn't directly address the UN criticism, but said Brewer supports the bill's goal.

# VP Biden's son has mild stroke, in Philly hospital

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Vice President Joe Biden's older son, the Delaware attorney general, had a mild stroke Tuesday and was transferred to a Philadelphia hospital, where he was alert and talking with family.

Beau Biden, 41, had been admitted to Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del., on Tuesday morning. Later in the day he was transferred to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, vice presidential spokeswoman

Elizabeth Alexander said. The White House said earlier that he would undergo further observation and examination there.

Biden was expected to recover, his doctor said.

A Christiana Care ambulance arrived at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital on Tuesday evening escorted by more than a dozen Delaware and Pennsylvania state police and Philadelphia police cars. Hospital officials declined to

comment, referring questions to the vice president's office.

Christiana Hospital's Dr. Timothy Gardner said Biden was in good spirits and was talking with his relatives. The doctor said in a statement issued through the White House that Biden was fully alert and in stable condition and had full motor and speech skills.

Biden's spokesman, Jason Miller, had no immediate comment.

# Body found in Utah likely that of missing boy

LAYTON, Utah (AP)—The body of a boy who matches the description of a missing 4-year-old child has been found in a Utah canyon and his mother and stepfather are in custody, police said Tuesday.

Layton police said Ethan Stacy's stepfather, Nathan Sloop, 31, will be charged with aggravated homicide. His mother, Stephanie Sloop, 27, will be charged with felony child abuse. Both will face obstruction of justice and des-

ecration of corpse charges.

The search for Ethan started Tuesday after police said the boy's mother had reported him missing, saying she has last seen him in bed at their Layton apartment Monday night. Officials said she told them that the boy had wandered away five of the last 10 nights.

“That appears to have been a ruse by the mother, something to cover the tracks,” said Layton police Lt. Garrett Atkin.



This undated image provided by the Layton (Utah) Police department shows Ethan Stacy.

# Health overhaul law potentially costs \$115B more

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's new health care law could potentially add at least \$115 billion more to government health care spending over the next 10 years, congressional budget referees said Tuesday.

If Congress approves all the additional spending called for in the legislation, it would push the ten-year cost of the overhaul above \$1 trillion—an unofficial limit the Obama administration

set early on.

The Congressional Budget Office said the added spending includes \$10 billion to \$20 billion in administrative costs to federal agencies carrying out the law, as well as \$34 billion for community health centers and \$39 billion for Indian health care.

The costs were not reflected in earlier estimates by the budget office, although Republican lawmakers strenuously argued

# Microsoft gets more aggressive with free software

SEATTLE (AP)—Microsoft Corp. is rolling out a new edition of its Office programs to businesses Wednesday, and for the first time it's adding versions of Word and other programs that work in a Web browser and will be free for consumers.

Office 2010 marks a milestone in Microsoft's efforts to keep up with an industry shift from programs that are stored

on PCs to free ones that can be accessed from any computer, over the Internet.

Microsoft must be careful not to make the free apps so appealing as to undermine its lucrative desktop software business, which accounted for 29 percent of Microsoft's revenue and 51 percent of its operating income in the most recent quarter. The free apps will have

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Dead dolphins wash up on coast; oil's role unclear

HORN ISLAND, Miss. (AP)—Federal wildlife officials are treating the deaths of six dolphins on the Gulf Coast as oil-related even though other factors may be to blame. Blair Mase (MACE') of the National Marine Fisheries Service said Tuesday that the carcasses have all been found in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama since May 2. Samples have been sent for testing to see whether a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico helped kill the dolphins. Mase and animal rescue coordinator Michele Kelley in Louisiana said none of the carcasses has obvious signs of oil. Mase also said it's common for dead dolphins to wash up this time of year when they are in shallow

waters to calve.

### Okla. officials lower storm death toll from 5 to 2

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Oklahoma authorities are lowering the death toll from this week's storms from five to two after learning three children who were reported to be killed had survived. Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Michelann Ooten said Tuesday that the children were injured in Monday storms that killed their Cleveland County mother and a man in Oklahoma City. Ooten says officials were told the children initially were taken to one hospital, but were soon transferred. She says a miscommunication occurred when relatives called the first hospital to check on the children. State officials were

later told they had died.

### Disputed Mojave cross honoring US war dead stolen

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A cross erected on a remote Mojave Desert outcropping to honor American war dead has been stolen less than two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed it to remain standing while a legal battle continued over its presence on federal land. Versions of the memorial have been vandalized repeatedly in the last 75 years and the motive this time was not immediately known. The 7-foot-high metal cross vanished from its perch in the Mojave National Preserve late Sunday or early Monday, said National Park Service spokeswoman Linda Slater. Bolts holding it to the rock were cut.



# Asia

## Noynoy likely next RP president

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine Sen. Benigno Aquino III, whose parents fought to topple a dictatorship, promised Tuesday to fulfill his campaign promise to fight corruption as he headed for a landslide victory in the presidential elections.

"I will not only not steal, but I'll have the corrupt arrested," Aquino, 50, told a news conference in his first comments since Monday's polls. Massive corruption has long dogged the Philippines, tainting electoral politics and skimming billions of public funds in a country where a third of the population lives on \$1 a day.

Aquino—whose father was assassinated while opposing Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship and whose mother led the 1986 "people power" revolt that restored democracy—was leading the nine-candidate presidential race with 40.2 percent of the votes from about 78 percent of the precincts, while his closest rival, ousted President Joseph Estrada, had 25.5 percent.

There is no runoff in the Philippines, home to 90 million people, and whoever has the most votes is declared winner.

Despite glitches with new computerized counting ma-

chines and violence that claimed at least 12 lives, election officials hailed Monday's vote as a success in a country where poll fraud allegations have marred previous contests. Turnout was 75 percent among about 50 million eligible voters, the Elections Commission said.

In a statement, the U.S. Embassy congratulated Filipinos "for achieving another milestone in their nation's democratic history." It said it looked forward to a "smooth transition" and working with the new government to "deepen the friendship and partnership between our two nations."



Supporters flash the "L" sign for "Laban" Fight!, as they peep through a glass window of a restaurant where leading Presidential candidate Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III (unseen) is issuing a statement a day after the first ever automated Presidential elections Tuesday May 11, 2010 at Hacienda Lusita, Tarlac province in northern Philippines.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 7 children, 1 teacher killed in new China attack

**BEIJING (AP)**—An attacker hacked seven children and one teacher to death Wednesday and wounded 20 others in a violent rampage at a kindergarten in northwest China's Shaanxi province. The slaying marked the latest in a string of attacks on schools nationwide and came despite an ordered boost in security at school grounds. Liu Xiaoming, deputy director of the propaganda department of Hanzhong city where the latest attack occurred, confirmed the deaths and injuries and said the attacker had killed himself afterward.

#### Video: Aussie father clasps infant as car hits

**SYDNEY (AP)**—Dramatic video footage has emerged of a father saving his infant son by clutching steadfastly to him as a car strikes the man. The traffic accident happened in the western Sydney suburb of Penrith in 2008 and was broadcast for the first time Monday on Australia's Nine Network. The se-

curity camera footage shows a car plowing into Andrew Leitch as he held his son Hayden on a sidewalk near a shop front. Leitch's parents, standing nearby, were hit, and the baby's empty stroller was knocked flying. Leitch held the baby to his chest as he was pushed into the shop window and had his legs pinned by the car, which Nine said was driven by an elderly woman who had lost control of the vehicle. As the car bore down, Leitch said he thought "if they hit the back of me, break a leg or whatever, that's fixable. But if they hit my son, he's not fixable." Leitch told the program his son was unhurt. Leitch himself was shown climbing out from between the car and the shop front and was not badly hurt. Both his parents were hospitalized with injuries, but survived, Nine reported.

#### Missile attacks kills 24 in Pakistan tribal area

**PARACHINAR, Pakistan (AP)**—Two separate volleys of American missiles slammed into a Taliban sanctuary in

Pakistan close to the Afghan border Tuesday, killing at least 24 alleged insurgents in the latest such strikes since a failed car bombing in New York, officials said. The first strike in North Waziristan involved up to 18 missiles—an unusually intense bombardment. They struck cars, homes and tents across a wide area in the Doga area, where insurgents have hideouts and training facilities, killing 14 alleged militants, two intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

#### Bomb kills 2 US service members in Afghanistan

**KABUL (AP)**—A bomb attack killed two U.S. service members in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, while Afghan officials said at least 18 militants died in a recent operation in the same region. A spokesman for U.S. forces, Col. Wayne Shanks, confirmed that the dead were Americans but declined to provide further details until family members were notified.

# World

## Britain's Cameron is new PM

**LONDON (AP)**—David Cameron, the youthful leader who modernized the party of right-wing icon Margaret Thatcher, became prime minister Thursday after the resignation of Gordon Brown—capping a gripping election saga that returns the Tories to government after 13 years of Labour Party rule.

According to tradition, Queen Elizabeth II appointed Cameron at Buckingham Palace—the stately denouement to a behind-the-scenes dogfight between Cameron and Brown for the cooperation of Britain's third-place party, after an election that left no party with a majority. Within minutes, Cameron was installed at No. 10 Downing Street and an announcement followed that Liberal Democrat leader, Nick Clegg, would become deputy prime minister after days of hard bargaining with his former political rivals.

The 43-year-old Cameron becomes Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years—the last was Lord Liverpool at 42—and cemented a coalition deal with the third-place Liberal Democrats. Clegg and four other Liberal Democrats received Cabinet posts. A number of other Lib-



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II greets David Cameron, the leader of the Conservative Party, at Buckingham Palace, London, in an audience to invite him to be the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, following last week's General Election, Tuesday May 11, 2010.

eral Democrats would receive junior posts.

The agreement, reached over five sometimes tense days of negotiation, delivered Britain's first full coalition government since World War II.

Cameron and Clegg agreed to a pact after the Conservative Party won the most seats in Britain's May 6 national election, but fell short of winning a majority of seats in Parliament.

Cameron's Conservative Party said ex-leader William Hague will serve as Foreign Secretary, senior lawmaker George Osborne as Treasury chief, and lawmaker Liam Fox as defense secretary.

Other leading positions were being finalized, as were key policy decision ahead of the presentation of the coalition's first legislative program on May 25.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Muhammad cartoonist 'head-butted' during lecture

**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—A Swedish artist who angered Muslims by depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a dog was assaulted as furious protesters interrupted his university lecture about the limits of free speech. Lars Vilks told The Associated Press that a man leaped from the front row and head-butted him Tuesday as he was delivering his lecture at Uppsala University, breaking Vilks' glasses but leaving him uninjured. Police later said the attacker was stopped before he could reach Vilks and that the artist may have bumped into plain-clothes officers who briskly evacuated him from the room. Three people were detained, but it wasn't immediately clear whether the attacker was among them. A video clip of the incident by a Swedish newspaper showed police using pepper spray and batons to hold off an angry crowd shouting "God is great" in Arabic after Vilks was escorted out of the lecture hall.

#### Pope: Church's own sins to blame in sex scandal

**LISBON, Portugal (AP)**—In his most thorough admission of the church's guilt in the clerical sex abuse scandal, Pope Bene-

dict XVI said Tuesday the greatest persecution of the institution "is born from the sins within the church," and not from a campaign by outsiders. The pontiff said the Catholic church has always been tormented by problems of its own making—a tendency that is being witnessed today "in a truly terrifying way." "The church needs to profoundly relearn penitence, accept purification, learn forgiveness but also justice," he said. "Forgiveness cannot substitute justice," he said. Benedict was responding to journalists' questions, submitted in advance, aboard the papal plane as he flew to Portugal for a four-day visit.

#### Bodies of groom, wedding party members found

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)**—The bodies of a groom and two members of his wedding party were found in the back of a truck four days after being snatched at gunpoint as they left the church in this violent border city, officials said Tuesday. Family members of the victims said the men were related and U.S. citizens from La Mesa, New Mexico, according to the El Paso (Texas) Times. Chihuahua state prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval said all three victims were born in

Mexico, according to birth certificates presented to investigators by their relatives. It wasn't clear if they also held U.S. citizenship. Sandoval said investigators were searching for gunmen who opened fire on the just-married couple and their guests in Ciudad Juarez, killing one person. The assailants then kidnapped the groom, his uncle and his brother. The gunmen left the bride at the church during Friday's attack in this city across the border from El Paso, Texas.

#### Ash affects flights in Morocco, Turkey, Spain

**RABAT, Morocco (AP)**—Volcanic ash from Iceland wound its way south to North Africa and curled eastward on Tuesday, forcing authorities for the first time to shut down airports in Morocco, as well as in Spain and, briefly, in Turkey. Ten airports in Morocco, among them Casablanca, Rabat-Sale, Tangiers, Fez, Agadir and Essaouira—almost all major tourist stops—were being closed until at least 7 a.m. Wednesday (0600 GMT; 2 a.m. EDT). A Transport Ministry statement carried by the official MAP news agency said it wants "to guarantee a maximum level of security for passengers" as the ash cloud passes over the kingdom on the Atlantic Coast.



# Environment

## Burned house rebuilt 'green'



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### BEFORE

In this copied photograph, the burned-out Windermere, Florida home from last June, was remodeled and then awarded Emerald Certification from the National Association of Home Builders for a "green" renovation by NWC Construction, the first home in Florida to receive the Emerald Certification.

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**O**RLANDO, Fla.—On a sandy, tree-shaded lane in Windermere, Fla., southwest of Orlando, a new "green" house has risen from the blackened shell of a home destroyed by an electrical fire last June.

Rebuilt by NWC Construction of Orlando, the house is the first in Florida to be awarded Emerald Certification, the top green-certification category from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

From the spray-foam-insulated attic, to the low-E win-

dows, to the composite decking on the porch, the house is a top-to-toe example of energy efficiency, said Nathan Cross, NWC's president.

Cross was contacted by the home's owner, Sara Dawson, after she learned that he had rebuilt another Orlando-area home after a fire last year. That home earned several awards during the 2009 Orlando Parade of Homes, including the Grand Award for Green Construction.

Initially, it appeared Dawson's insurance policy would not cover the cost of rebuilding her three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home. But after Cross consulted with her insurance agency

and with the NAHB's free legal-counsel service, he was able to uncover almost \$50,000 in additional funds owed to Dawson. He was then given the green light to begin construction.

The new design was based on the home's original footprint and architectural style, and incorporated the only elements that survived the fire: the stem wall, slab and pool. Improvements included raising the ceiling height from eight feet to 10 feet downstairs and to nine feet upstairs, relocating the laundry room and one of the bathrooms, improving the flow from kitchen to dining room, and reconfiguring the master suite to include a

### GO GREEN

- Green features in the Windermere home include:
- Precast walls made from recycled fly ash
- Energy Star-certified appliances and lights
- Low-flow faucets and low VOC paints
- Fluorescent lighting
- Dual-zone air-conditioning with fresh-air intake
- Paint-free vinyl posts and railings
- Roof overhangs 24 inches wide
- Natural gas fuels tankless on-demand water heater, clothes dryer, range and fireplaces
- Secondary peel-and-stick water membrane for roof
- Second-story house wrap adding 4.R insulation value
- Interior wood pretreated for termites
- Green carpeting and carpet padding made from recycled material
- Florida-friendly irrigation-free landscaping

fireplace and walk-in closet.

At the same time, Cross used a variety of affordable and en-

vironmentally-friendly building practices to maximize the home's indoor air quality, water conser-

vation and energy efficiency.

"It is a common misconception that building green cannot be done affordably," said Cross. "There are certainly some green products and practices that cost more than traditional building. But there is now a plethora of affordable options for people trying to build green without spending all their 'green.'"

The cost of rebuilding the 2,280-square-foot Dawson home was \$314,000. Without all the green innovations, Cross figured the cost would have been about 10 percent less. However, by going green, he figures the homeowner's monthly power bill will drop from \$300 to \$100.

"Over time," he said, "that adds up to quite a significant savings."



RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

### AFTER

The exterior of a Windermere, Florida home awarded Emerald Certification from the National Association of Home Builders for a "green" renovation by NWC Construction is shown April 22, 2010.

### DO YOUR PART

## Some bugs are good

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One of my favorite things to do is spend time in my garden. It's the perfect way to really get in touch with nature.

I also figured out a few years back that if you're smart, you'll let nature do some of the

stroy the plants in your garden.

Ladybugs are one such beneficial bug. Despite their dainty demeanor, ladybugs can devour 5,000 aphids in less than a year. Aphids are tiny, pear-shaped insects with two tube looking cornicles projecting from their abdomen. They love to feed on the new growth of many garden

crops and ornamental plants.

If you release ladybugs into your garden you won't have a problem with aphids. Of course, you have to get them to stay in your garden to be effective so it's best to release them at dusk when fewer of them will fly away.

It's also smart to water the plants with the aphid infestation. The ladybugs will go there first for a drink before looking for food and then stay for the meal. And, don't worry the

type of ladybugs that you buy for the garden is not the same kind which will seek shelter inside your home once the temperature drops.

The Praying Mantis is another beneficial bug for your garden. They eat flies, mosquitoes, spiders, aphids, and leafhoppers. They're also entertaining to watch. Spring is the time to put their eggs in your garden to hatch but be warned; a single praying mantis egg can yield hundreds of mantids.

Beneficial bugs are an easy, eco-friendly solution to getting rid of pests in your garden. Plus you'll reduce the need to use unnecessary and often dangerous chemicals in your surroundings and in the environment all around.

You can find ladybugs and praying mantis eggs at smaller, local garden centers. You can also find links to buy them online by visiting [DoYourPart.com/columns](http://DoYourPart.com/columns).

## UN: Nature's diversity is rapidly disappearing, harming life on Earth

**NEW YORK**—The natural systems that support life on Earth, from the Amazon forests to coral reefs, are close to the tipping point of collapse because of human activities, a new study on global biodiversity said Monday.

The third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook confirmed that the world has failed to achieve targets for a significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010.

The U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP) report warned that there will be "a severe reduction of many essential services to human societies as several 'tipping points' are approached in which the ecosystems shift to alternative, less productive states from which it may be difficult or impossible to recover."

UNEP, which serves as the secretariat for the U.N. Convention of Biological Diver-

sity, cited large areas in the Amazon that are dying because of the interactions of climate change, deforestation and fires. The changes affect global climate, regional rainfall and widespread species extinctions.

It said the coral reef ecosystems are suffering multiple collapses due to ocean acidification, bleaching from warmer water, overfishing and pollution. As a result, millions of species that live on the reefs are threatened. It cited also the shrinking of freshwater lakes and loss of recreational amenities for people.

The third Global Biodiversity Outlook, produced with the help of Canada, was issued to support efforts in 2010, designated as International Year of Biodiversity. It called for governments to adopt a new vision and creativity to halt the dramatic loss of nature's diver-

sity, saying that effective and coordinated actions can save the natural habitat.

Outlook was supported by scientific assessments, reports submitted by governments and a study on future scenarios for biodiversity.

Urgent action is needed to reduce land-based pollution and destructive fishing practices that weaken the coral reefs, which make them more vulnerable to climate change, the authors said.

"Many economies remain blind to the huge value of the diversity of animals, plants and other life forms and their role in healthy and functioning ecosystems, from forests and freshwater to soils, oceans and even the atmosphere," said Achim Steiner, UNEP executive director.

"Humanity has fabricated the illusion that somehow we can get by without biodiversity or that it is somehow peripheral to our contemporary world," he said. "The truth is we need it more than ever on a planet of 6.8 billion people heading to 9 billion people in 2050." (*Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH*)



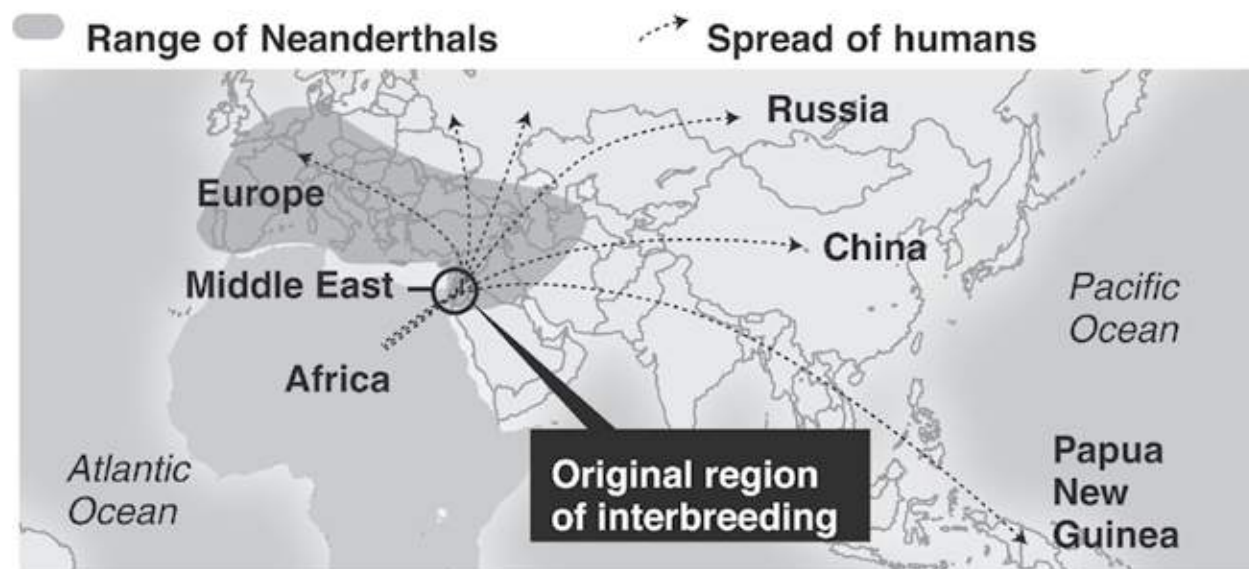
# Life & Style

## Study suggests humans mated with Neanderthals

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### Interbreeding

*Humans leaving Africa about 80,000 years ago encountered Neanderthals in the Middle East, according to DNA evidence extracted from Neanderthal bones.*



Source: Science, National Geographic

Graphic: Los Angeles Times

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**L**OS ANGELES—The first modern humans to leave Africa 80,000 years ago encountered Neanderthal settlements in the Middle East and—on at least some occasions—chose to make love instead of war, according to an international team of scientists who have pieced together the genetic code of humanity's closest relatives.

Traces of that ancient DNA live on in most human beings today, the researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

The finding, which was made by analyzing DNA from Neanderthal bones and comparing it to that of five living humans, appears to resolve a long-standing mystery about the relationship between Neanderthals and *Homo sapiens*, who coexisted in Europe and western Asia for more than 10,000 years until Neanderthals disappeared about 30,000 years ago.

"We can now say with absolute certainty that we've got these Neanderthal genes," said John Hawks, an evolutionary geneticist at the University of Wisconsin who was not involved in the study. "They're not 'them' anymore—they're 'us.'"

Svante Paabo, the geneticist at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, who spearheaded the study, said he now sees his ancestors in a new light. His initial research on a different type of DNA that contains far less information had concluded—incorrectly, it turns out—that Neanderthals have no genetic connection to people alive today.

Now, Paabo said, "I would more see them as a form of humans that were a bit more different than people are from each other today."

Most important, scientists said, knowing the precise structure of the Neanderthal genome will help answer the fundamental biological question: What makes us human?

Neanderthal DNA is 99.7 percent identical to that of people, according to the analysis, which involved dozens of researchers. Something in the remaining 0.3 percent must make us unique.

"It's not about understanding Ne-

anderthals," said genome biologist Ed Green, who led the study as a research fellow in Paabo's lab and is now at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "It's understanding us."

By lining up the Neanderthal genome with DNA from humans and chimpanzees, Green and colleagues identified small changes that are unique to humans. Some were in genes involved in energy metabolism, skeletal structure and brain development, including four that are thought to contribute to conditions such as autism, Down syndrome and schizophrenia.

The researchers constructed the

Neanderthal genome from three bone fragments found in Croatia's Vindija Cave. Using a sterile dentistry drill, the scientists removed 400 milligrams of bone powder—an amount equivalent to the size of an aspirin.

Extracting DNA from ancient bones was a dicey proposition.

For starters, 95 percent to 99 percent of the DNA the team found came from microbes that colonized the bones after the Neanderthals died more than 38,000 years ago. To address that problem, the scientists discarded DNA fragments with letter combinations that were especially common in microbes.

In addition, the Neanderthal DNA was badly degraded, which caused sequencing machines to misread some of the chemical letters in the sequence. The researchers developed a computer program to correct those mistakes.

The researchers took special precautions to keep their own DNA out of the Neanderthal samples. Workers wore full-body suits, including masks and gloves. The air pressure inside the lab was kept high so that nothing could blow in accidentally, and the room was irradiated after the researchers went home, Green said.

After four years of work, the team

identified 4 billion fragments of Neanderthal DNA and organized them into a draft genome. The sequence is 60 percent complete.

"It is a very poor quality for a human genome, but it is outstanding for a 30,000-year-old extinct hominid," said Eddy Rubin, who has sequenced samples of Neanderthal DNA at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory but was not involved in the Science study.

To look for evidence of gene flow between humans and Neanderthals, the researchers sequenced the DNA of five people who now live in southern Africa, western Africa, France, China and Papua New Guinea. Since they didn't think Neanderthal genes had passed to humans, they expected to find the same degree of difference between the Neanderthal genome and all five people.

Instead, they discovered that the Neanderthal DNA was slightly more similar to the three people living outside of Africa. Even more surprising, the relationship was just as strong for the individuals from China and Papua New Guinea as for the person from France, who lives in the Neanderthals' old stomping grounds.

The simplest explanation is that a small group of humans met the Neanderthals 50,000 to 80,000 years ago after they left Africa but before they had spread throughout Europe, Asia and beyond. The logical meeting place was the Middle East, which connects northeast Africa to the Eurasian continent.

"The contact must have happened early for the Neanderthals genes to have spread so widely and uniformly," Henry Harpending, an anthropologist at the University of Utah, who was not involved in the study.

The amount of mixing was small—only 1 percent to 4 percent of the DNA in non-African humans originated in Neanderthals, according to the study. The researchers said none of that DNA is functional; in fact, the particular 1 percent to 4 percent is different in every individual.

Interbreeding may well have continued in Europe, but that would be harder to detect because both populations there were large and any small Neanderthal contribution would be too dilute to see, Paabo said.

## 14th-century aqueduct found in Jerusalem

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Archeologists said Tuesday they have uncovered a 14th-century aqueduct that supplied water to Jerusalem for almost 600 years along a route dating back to the time of Jesus—but unlike most such finds, this time the experts knew exactly where to look.

Photographs from the late 19th century showed the aqueduct in use by the city's Ottoman rulers, nearly 600 years after its construction in 1320. The photo shows an inscription dating back to the aqueduct's early days.

It was uncovered during repairs to the city's modern-day water system. Public works projects here proceed in cooperation with antiquities officials in a city where turning over a shovel of dirt anywhere can turn back the pages of time, said Yehiel Zelinger, the archeologist in charge of the excavation.

The team has found two of nine arched sections of a bridge about nine feet (three meters) tall on the west side of Jerusalem's Old City, Zelinger said.

Though archeologists knew the aqueduct was there, the find represents the first time they have

had a glimpse of the intricate bridge system used for centuries to combat gravity and shuttle water from faraway sources, Zelinger said.

When the population of Jerusalem in biblical times outgrew nearby springs, leaders began to search farther afield, finding a water source near Bethlehem, a winding route of about 14 miles (22 kilometers) away. They built a first aqueduct dating back 2,000 years on the same path of the one found today, Zelinger said.

"It's really amazing and well-preserved," Zelinger said. "This was the source of water for Jerusalem for all the period dating back to the Second Temple," the era of Jesus.

This aqueduct bridge funneled water from Bethlehem and across a valley known as Sultan's Pools into the Old City. It provided the biggest part of Jerusalem's water through the Ottoman period when the city's rulers added a metal pipeline to the stone structure. It was buried shortly after, Zelinger said.

The city hopes to incorporate the find into future construction.



Israeli archaeologist Yehiel Zelinger, shows a section of the 14th-century aqueduct near Jerusalem's Old City, Tuesday May 11, 2010. AP



# New Palin book, 'America By Heart,' out Nov. 23

NEW YORK (AP)—Sarah Palin's new book has a title, "America By Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith and Flag," and a release date, Nov. 23, publisher HarperCollins announced Tuesday.

The Alaska ex-governor and former GOP vice presidential candidate, whose memoir "Going Rogue" has sold more than 2 million copies, has been working on a tribute to American values.

It will include "selections from classic and contemporary

readings that have moved her," according to HarperCollins, along with "the nation's founding documents to great speeches, sermons, letters, literature and poetry, biography, and even some of her favorite songs and movies."

The book is inspired not only by her "strong belief in the importance of family, faith, and patriotism," but by some of the people she met last year while promoting "Going Rogue." Palin skipped major

cities such as Seattle and Los Angeles, traditional stops on most author tours, and instead focused on smaller communities more receptive to her conservative message.

"The book will also include portraits of some of the extraordinary men and women she admires and who embody her deep love of country, her strong rootedness in faith, and her profound love and appreciation of family," the statement from HarperCollins reads.

HarperCollins spokeswoman Tina Andreadis said Palin will likely tour for "America By



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Heart," but added that details were still being arranged. The book will have a first printing of 1 million copies—the initial run for "Going Rogue" was 1.5 million—and a list price of \$25.99.

As with "Going Rogue," Palin will have a collaborator, but there are "no specifics to announce yet," Andreadis said.

Conservative author Lynn Vincent worked with Palin on her memoir.

While the e-book for "Going Rogue" came out several weeks after the hardcover, the digital edition for "America By Heart" will be available at the same time.

Before the release last month of Apple's iPad, HarperCollins

and other publishers had worried that the \$9.99 charged for best-sellers on Amazon.com's Kindle reader was too low and would hurt hardcover sales. Publishers have more control over pricing under the sales model negotiated with Apple, with some e-books costing \$12.99 to \$14.99 when first released.

## Niecy Nash and her 'jiggly parts' shake 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Niecy Nash joked about her "jiggly parts" throughout her run on "Dancing With the Stars," but the actress and TV host was shaken out of the ballroom Tuesday.

She came into the results show in last place, with 43 points out of 60 for her two dances. Judges on the hit ABC show praised the Viennese waltz she performed with professional partner Louis Van Amstel on Monday's episode, but they criticized the couple's paso doble.

"You looked unsteady," judge Bruno Tonioli said. "This wasn't very good."

Nash was nervous before the results show, tweeting, "The tension is thick but I'm prayed up and ready for whatever God has planned." Still, she beamed throughout the episode.

"I am a 40-year-old mother of three. I've got three C-sections under my belt," she said. "I was able to survive in this competition this long against some fantastic people—and with the fact that I cannot hula-hoop with a Cheerio."

She thanked her partner "for molding this lump of clay into something" and her mother and boyfriend, whom she referred to as Mr. Wonderful, for coming to the ballroom to watch her each week.

Nash also thanked the show itself, saying it gave her a chance to "live out a childhood dream."



In this publicity image released by ABC, Niecy Nash and her partner Louis Van Amstel perform on the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing with the Stars," Monday, May 10, 2010 in Los Angeles.

"This experience has taught me that I can do anything I want to do, and for that I will always be grateful," she said.

Nash's elimination came during an action-packed episode that featured the Gipsy Kings performing two songs and the introduction of the show's col-

lege dance championship.

It also set the semifinal slate: Football star Chad Ochocinco, sportscaster Erin Andrews, singer Nicole Scherzinger and Olympic figure skater Evan Lysacek continue the competition for the mirrorball trophy on Monday.

## Jasper Johns' 'Flag' fetches \$28.6M at NYC auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Jasper Johns' seminal work "Flag" from the collection of the late best-selling author Michael Crichton sold for \$28.6 million at a New York City auction Tuesday, an auction record for the artist.

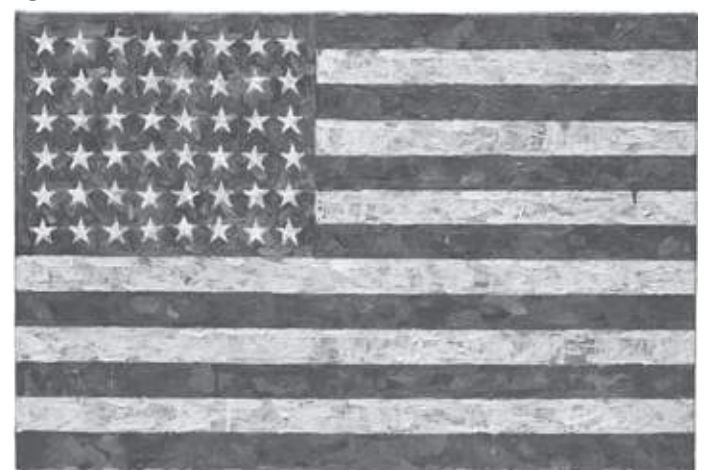
Christie's said the work was purchased by an American art dealer during high-spirited bidding Tuesday night by phone and in the room. There were four bidders for the work, which took two minutes to sell, Christie's said.

The previous Johns' auction record was \$17.4 million for "Figure 4," in 2007.

"This fabulous painting is a tribute to the great collector Michael Crichton who showed us all how to enjoy and collect art for future generations," Brett Gorvy, international co-head of post war and contemporary art at Christie's, said in an e-mail.

"Flag" was the crown jewel of Crichton's collection.

The popular writer of such



This undated file photo provided by Christie's auction house shows Jasper Johns' "Flag," a pop art rendition of the American flag created in the 1960s that author Michael Crichton bought from the artist in 1973.

blockbuster thrillers as "Jurassic Park," "The Andromeda Strain" and the TV series "ER" died in 2008. He was a passionate art collector, leaving a 20th century art trove of some of pop art's best known artists, including Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Jeff Koons and Pablo Picasso, among others.

The sale featured 31 pieces, which sold for \$93.3 million. Another 117 works from the collection will be sold Wednesday as part of Christie's post war and contemporary art sale.

Christie's catalog called "Flag" "one of the greatest icons of modern art alongside Picasso's 'Guernica' and Andy Warhol's 'Marilyn.'"

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**Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow**  
 Action • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment present the highly anticipated sequel to the blockbuster film based on the legendary Marvel Super Hero "Iron Man," reuniting director Jon Favreau and Oscar® nominee Robert Downey Jr. In "Iron Man 2," the world is aware that billionaire inventor Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is the armored Super Hero Iron Man. Under pressure from the government, the press and the public to share his technology with the military, Tony is unwilling to divulge the secrets behind the Iron Man armor because he fears the information will slip into the wrong hands.



### Furry Vengeance

Friday	4:30	7:25	9:35
Saturday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Sunday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Mon thru Thurs	4:30	7:25	

**Brendan Frazer, Brooke Shields**  
 Comedy, Children's/Family • Rated PG

### Synopsis

A real estate mogul (Brendan Fraser) goes head-to-head with a group of furry critters looking to protect their forest from development in this Summit Entertainment/Participant Media co-production. The family-oriented comedy was written by Mr. Woodcock's Michael Carnes and Josh Gilbert.



### A Nightmare on Elm Street

Friday	4:10	7:30	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:10	7:30
Sunday	1:15	4:10	7:30
Mon thru Thurs	4:10	7:30	

**Jackie Earle Haley, Kyle Gallner**  
 Horror • Rated R

### Synopsis

Platinum Dunes revives the Nightmare on Elm Street franchise with this reworking of slasher film legend Freddy Krueger, a deceased child killer who torments the dreams of the teenagers of Springwood, OH. Jackie Earle Haley picks up the killer's mantle from series veteran Robert Englund with the reboot from music-video director Samuel Bayer.



### The Back-up Plan

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Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00
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**Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin**  
 Romance, Comedy • Rated PG 13



### The Losers

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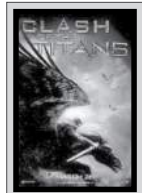
**Zoe Saldana, Chris Evans**  
 Action • Rated PG 13



### The Last Song

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Saturday	1:05	4:20	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:20	7:05
Mon thru Thurs	4:20	7:05	

**Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth**  
 Drama • Rated PG



### Clash Of The Titans

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**Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson**  
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# Duets shine on movie-themed 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Maybe the remaining "American Idol" finalists should start a band?

The final four singers earned more praise for their moody matchups than their solos during Tuesday's edition of movie-themed performances on the Fox singing competition. Crystal Bowersox and Lee DeWyze ascended with "Falling Slowly" from "Once," while Michael Lynche and Casey James dazzled with "Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman?" from "Don Juan DeMarco."

Kara DioGuardi called both of the duets incredible.



In this publicity image released by Fox, the remaining four contestants on the singing competition series, "American Idol," from left, Casey James, Crystal Bowersox, Lee DeWyze and Michael Lynche are shown on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 in Los Angeles.

## Woman says Sammi from 'Jersey Shore' attacked her

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A 24-year-old woman said Tuesday that she was attacked by a female cast member of MTV's "Jersey Shore" at a South Beach nightclub.

Kristen DeMinco said Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola punched her twice in the head Saturday, leaving her with a bruise under her eye. Her attorneys said they filed a police report Tuesday.

The show has been filming episodes in South Florida over the past several weeks.

"This isn't acceptable for people to be going around hitting people just for TV. I think it's wrong of MTV, I think it's wrong of them. I think they do it on purpose," DeMinco told reporters outside the Miami Beach Police Department. She took off a pair of sunglasses to show the bruise to reporters at the news conference.

DeMinco said Giancola confronted her in the VIP area of the nightclub Dream after she struck up a conversation with a man who was apparently Giancola's boyfriend.

"She exchanged bad words at me," DeMinco said. "I exchanged bad words back. She hit me twice in the face and I just backed off right after that. I didn't want to get involved in a fight."

## Woodward book to show Obama fighting for agenda

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Woodward's upcoming book on the Obama administration will portray the president struggling for control of his domestic agenda, according to the publisher's catalog.

Simon & Schuster will release the book, currently untitled, this fall. The catalog said that Woodward's text will be based on "hundreds of interviews with key administration officials,

deputies and other firsthand sources," along with "internal memos, letters, detailed chronologies, and meeting notes."

"Obama has learned that he is not commander-in-chief of the economy," according to the catalog. "Many of his high-profile domestic reforms—health care, education, and energy—were largely turned over to Congress."

Woodward, the celebrated investigative reporter for The

Washington Post, wrote four best-selling accounts of the George W. Bush administration that included interviews with President Bush and other top officials.

For his new book, Woodward uses "intimate scenes told verbatim," and takes "readers deep into the national security state and shows how Obama debates, decides, and balances the enormous pressures facing the modern president."

## Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton get engaged



In this April 6, 2009 file photo, country singers Miranda Lambert, left, and Blake Shelton embrace after performing at the ACM Artist of the Decade All Star Concert in honor of George Strait in Las Vegas.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton, two of country music's hottest singles, are off the market.

People.com is reporting that Shelton asked Lambert to marry him on Sunday. Kathy Best, Lambert's publicist, confirmed the news Tuesday.

Lambert tells People the proposal came as a surprise. She says Shelton proposed to her in the woods near her Tishomingo, Okla., home.

She answered yes.

Shelton went old-fashioned, calling Lambert's father, Rick, to ask permission.

It's been quite the year for Lambert. She scored her first No. 1 with "White Liar," won three Academy of Country Music Awards, including album of the year, and now she's marrying her boyfriend of five years.

There's no word on when the wedding will be.

## Man's shame over infidelity prompts thoughts of suicide

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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DEAR ABBY: I have been married 19 years to a beautiful, accomplished woman. We have two wonderful children. I fooled around throughout my marriage because I could. I justified it by telling myself the women knew what they were doing, and I never made any false promises about leaving my wife. She suspected a couple of times, but always gave me the benefit of the doubt.



*Dear Abby*

My last affair ended publicly with every gory detail exposed. My family, work, reputation—everything that mattered to me—have been destroyed. I can't talk about any of it to a therapist because I am so ashamed. Friends, family and co-workers now shun me. I have hit rock bottom.

If you have a hopeful solution, please share it. Otherwise, please print this as a warning to other men like me that when they hit bottom—as will surely happen—there's nowhere to turn. I want to end my life.

SHATTERED IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHATTERED: I understand this experience has been painful for all concerned, but stop focusing only about yourself and your pain. Suicide may seem like a solution to your problems, but your children need you alive and functional—and their needs must take precedence.

Find a therapist—someone you can relate to, and feel safe enough with to discuss everything that has happened from the beginning.

There is life after divorce. And, as many celebrities can attest, there is also life after public embarrassment and career setbacks. So straighten your backbone and keep marching forward. While it may not seem like it right now, there are better days ahead.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother and I rarely get along—mainly because she thinks she's fabulous and I don't. I'm in my 30s, married with a child and have a career. I am tired of riding an emotional roller coaster with Mother.

She is planning her next visit and I don't want her to come. Her visits end up lasting a week or more, and her conversation consists of complaining, making snide comments about my house and how I am raising my child (under the guise of being "helpful"), and then whining because I don't have the time or desire to entertain or placate her.

Can you tell me how to tell her that visits to my house are no longer welcomed?

DONE WITH THE DRAMA

DEAR DONE: When your mother raises the subject of her visit, tell her that she would be more comfortable staying at a hotel when she comes and so would you. That way you can control the amount of time you spend together. Offer to split the cost with her, then pray she agrees.

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DEAR ABBY: Here's a new one for you. A group of friends and I are frequent customers on some of the home shopping channels. When we buy jewelry it arrives in a gift case or box. We hate to throw them away. Any ideas on how we can donate or recycle those gift boxes?

DIANA IN LAKEWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR DIANA: Depending upon how you store your jewelry, you could keep the items in their presentation boxes in a drawer with the tops open, so the drawer becomes a large jewelry box and they don't become scratched. Or, save the boxes and reuse them when giving small gifts at Christmas or on birthdays. If you know of any people or groups who make jewelry or other crafts, offer the boxes to them. Otherwise, (sob!) it's off to the landfill.

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## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Agents for actress ask judge to nix ankle monitor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Agents for a Mexican-born actress accused of having a sham marriage say her court-ordered ankle monitor is hurting her career. Five agents for Fernanda Romero, who is facing a charge of marriage fraud, filed letters Tuesday to a federal judge requesting the removal of the monitor. Their reason—the bracelet clashes with her wardrobe for auditions, photo shoots and other gigs. A hearing on whether the ankle monitor stays or goes will happen May 17 in Los Angeles. Romero pleaded not guilty Monday to federal marriage fraud charges and could face five years

in federal prison if convicted. She has had roles in several small films, including last year's "Drag Me to Hell," but is better-known in Mexico, where she appeared in the TV Azteca soap "Eterna mente Tuya."

### NY court axes suit vs. label over Remy Ma shooting

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York appeals court has rebuffed an attempt to hold Remy Ma's former record label accountable for the rapper's shooting of an acquaintance in 2007. Tuesday's ruling notes that a Universal Music Group Inc. affiliate ended its contract with Remy Ma nine months before she shot Makeda Barnes-Joseph

outside a Manhattan nightclub. The Grammy Award-nominated rapper was convicted of assault and other charges. She's serving an eight-year prison sentence. Barnes-Joseph's lawyer says she's disappointed by the ruling. A lawyer for Remy Ma had no immediate comment. A lawyer for Universal didn't immediately return a call. The appeals court upheld a lower court's decision to dismiss Barnes-Joseph's case against Universal and various affiliates. She also is suing the rapper and the club.

### Pasadena Playhouse files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The Pasadena Playhouse, which

brought the curtains down in February, has filed for bankruptcy. Executive director Stephen Eich said Tuesday the playhouse is seeking Chapter 11 protection so it can get its finances in order and reopen. Actors such as Dustin Hoffman and Gene Hackman got their start at the stage and school. But early this year, with the debt mounting, 37 employees were laid off and an attorney was hired to take over finances. At the time, Eich said bankruptcy was an option for the 684-seat theater. It opened in 1925 and has been the state's official theater for 65 years. The theater, which has filed for bankruptcy before, has been nicknamed the "Pasadena Poorhouse."

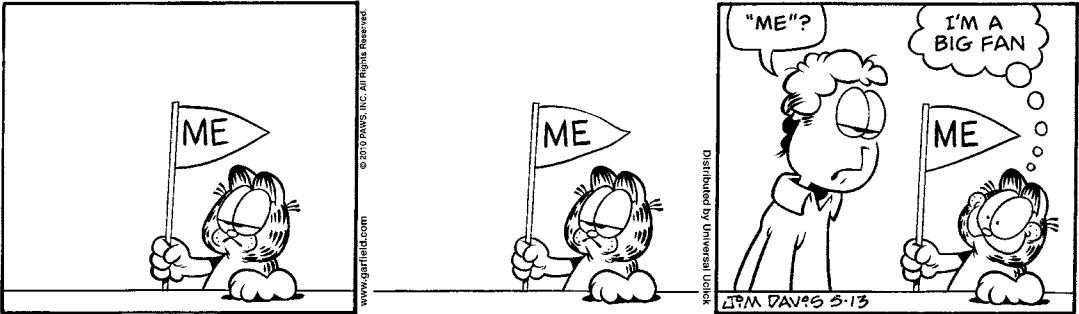


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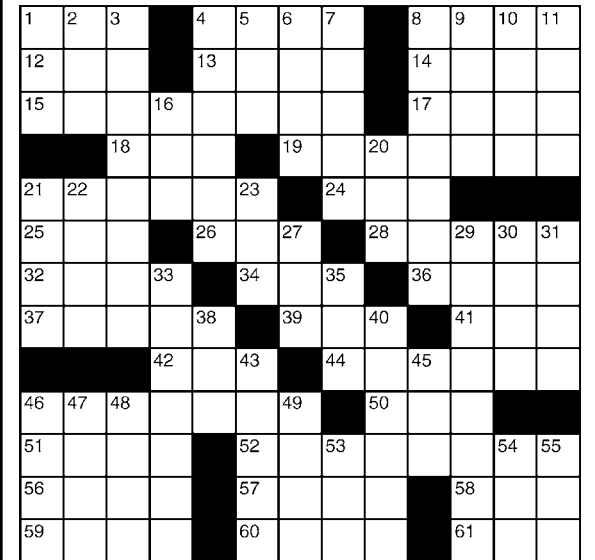
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26 De-pressed  
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32 Rice-shaped pasta  
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36 Egyptian symbol of life  
37 "The Duke"

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6 Partner in crime  
7 Accordion feature  
8 Summer-time  
9 One of the Three Bears  
10 Bluenose accessory  
11 Aching  
16 Triumphed  
20 "Go, team!"  
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33 Personal identity  
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Mix in some of the pleasurable things you used to enjoy before you become too wrapped up in the melodramas going on around you. Once you rejuvenate, you can make a rational decision regarding your work and your future. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Share your thoughts and feelings and you will find it easier to deal with situations you face. Your strong opinions will help others understand why you must follow a certain path. You will gain respect for your determination and strength of character. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can make some strategic financial moves that will help to keep your money matters secure for the time being. A strict budget, coupled with a long-term plan will show others you are capable of handling whatever comes your way. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Helping others will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Volunteering will result in new friendships and the potential to advance professionally. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You need to be well-informed so you can take advantage of the situation that's unfolding. Now is not the time to let anger take over. Step up and show you are able to handle whatever comes down the pipeline. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Share your knowledge and experience. A tiny adjustment to your plans will help you close a deal or turn an idea into a profitable venture. Speak authoritatively and people will listen. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You may need to make a change at home to help you put your money to better use. Now is not the time to lend or borrow. Budgeting and/or selling valuables you can do without will help you get back on track. Romance is heightened. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** An argument will only stifle your plans and hold you back. If someone doesn't agree with you, don't share your thoughts or plans with this person. You have to follow your heart and do what works best for you. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't go halfway when you need to finish what you start to reap the rewards. Now is not the time to rely on others to take on your responsibilities. If you feel you should move on, do so quickly. \*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The less you leave undone, the better you will feel and the more time you will have to enjoy friends and family. Your willing-

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ness to help others and to share what you have will bring about an interesting, surprising situation. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Someone else's lifestyle may appear to be better or more interesting but, before you decide to follow suit, consider your needs and what has worked for you in the past. You are original, creative and experimental so, no matter what path you follow, make it your own. \*\*

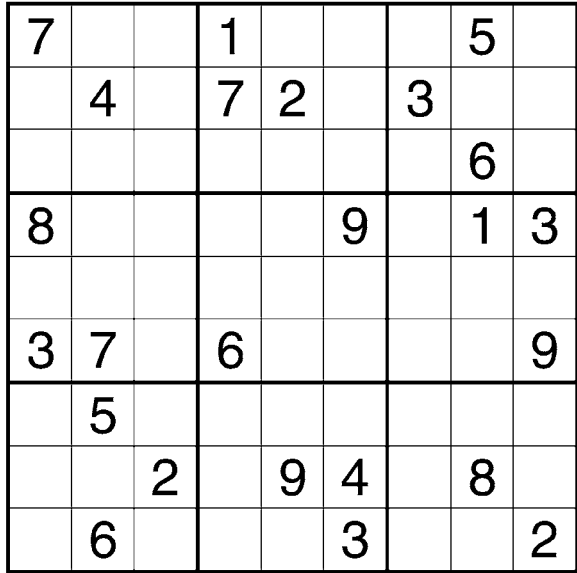
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Remember what has happened before you decide to let someone back into your life who caused havoc in the past. Focus on your talent and ability to get ahead on your own and you will find it much less stressful. \*\*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are a go-getter—determined, aggressive and ready to stand your ground. You set your goals high, are a little stubborn and will not tolerate opposition.

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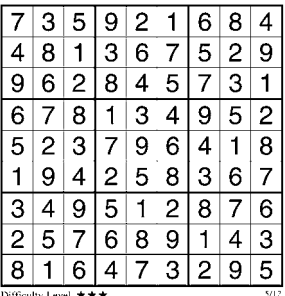


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# Celtics stun Cavs, take 3-2 lead in series



CLEVELAND (AP)—His team down by 27 points and a promising season suddenly in peril, LeBron James walked off the floor to a smattering of boos and rows of empty seats.

If this was goodbye Cleveland, it wasn't the send-off he imagined.

The Boston Celtics have pushed the two-time MVP and the Cavaliers dangerously close to an early start to the Summer of LeBron.

Ray Allen scored 25 points, Rajon Rondo scored all of his 16 in the second half and the Celtics, once thought too old to challenge for another title, beat James and the Cavs 120-88 in Game 5 on Tuesday night to move within one win of knocking the league's top team from the playoffs.

Paul Pierce added 21 and Kevin Garnett 18 for the Celtics, who handed the Cavs their worst home playoff loss in history and can end Cleveland's season with a win in Game 6 on Thursday night.

"We cannot come back here," Garnett said. "We have to think this is our Game 7 coming up and we cannot afford to have the best team in the league have a Game 7 on their floor. Just not possible."

James, on the verge of an expected trip into free agency on July 1, had an atrocious game. He scored 15 points on 3-of-14 shooting, a startling outing for the 25-year-old who has been playing with a sprained elbow. He refused to use his injury as an excuse.

"I missed a lot of open shots that I normally make," he said with little emotion. "You don't see that out of me a lot so when it happens, it's a big surprise."

Because of James' uncertain future, Game 5 may have been his last at home for Cleveland and it has set up Game 6 as the most important in franchise history: Win and force Game 7 on Sunday in Cleveland; lose and maybe watch James, the local kid trying to deliver this city its first pro championship since 1964, leave for good.

"Our backs are against the wall," James said. "We've won on that floor before and we've got to get it done."

As for this potentially being his last game in Cleveland, James added: "I didn't even think about that. Me sitting up here and saying this is potentially our last game here this season, that wouldn't be me and that wouldn't be our team."

Rondo, coming off a 29-point, 18-rebound, 13-assist performance in Game 4, was held without a point in the first half as the Cavs concentrated their defense on stopping the point guard from penetrating into the paint. He finally got loose in the third, scoring 12 as the Celtics opened a 21-point lead.

Boston went up by 24 in the fourth, sending battered Cleveland fans toward the exits.

James finally checked out with 3:58 left and the Celtics leading by 27. He shrugged his shoulders and slapped hands with Cleveland's coaches and teammate Shaquille O'Neal, who had 21 points and afterward stated the obvious.

"It's plain and simple," said O'Neal, who came to Cleveland determined "to win a ring for the King." "We've got to win two in a row. We've got to man up."



Boston Celtics' Ray Allen, right, drives against Cleveland Cavaliers' Mo Williams in the second quarter of Game 5 of a second round NBA basketball playoff series Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in Cleveland.

I've been in this situation before."

Before the game, Celtics coach Doc Rivers said his team would not change its strategy.

"We are who we are," Rivers said. "We don't need anyone to play hero basketball. We have to be a team. We're good when we're a team."

And through five games, the Celtics have been the better one. Because of injuries, Boston, two years removed from its 17th NBA championship, never found its groove in the regular season.

The Celtics got it now.

They've outperformed the top-seeded Cavs in almost every aspect of the game, outrunning and out-hustling a younger team that with the addition of O'Neal, Antawn Jamison and Anthony Parker, was built for the postseason but has yet to show it's serious about winning a title.

"We've done nothing," Rivers said. "We've won three games but we've got to win four."

Allen opened the second half with back-to-back 3s, pushing Boston's six-point halftime lead to 12 and deflating already nervous Cleveland fans, who have seen so many of their teams choke in pressure situations before.

In the first half, the Cavs did a brilliant job on Rondo, who didn't score his first points until the 9:47 mark of the third quarter. But by then, the Celtics had opened their double-digit lead and with James misfiring from the outside, Cleveland was in big trouble.

James missed his first seven shots before he got loose on a leak-out dunk with 6:15 left in the third.

The Cavs led 29-21 when, with Rondo on the bench, Boston's Big Three of Allen, Garnett and Pierce did all the scoring in a 16-0 run that put the Celtics ahead by eight.

## NBA approves sale of Nets to Russian Prokhorov

NEW YORK (AP)—The first step in what the New Jersey Nets hope is a quick turnaround is in place.

New owner Mikhail Prokhorov is eager to get started on the rest.

"For those who are already fans of the Nets and the NBA, I intend to give you plenty to cheer about," the Russian billionaire said in a statement.

The Nets are now officially the Nyets.

Prokhorov's purchase of the team was approved Tuesday by NBA's owners, who welcomed the first non-North American into their club.

Russia's richest man agreed to buy 80 percent of the Nets and 45 percent of an arena project in Brooklyn from developer Bruce Ratner late last year. Final approval of the sale was delayed until the state of New York had taken over all the land seized under eminent

domain at the site of the team's Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The Nets expect that transaction to close Wednesday, and the long-delayed 18,000-seat arena is to open in 2012.

The Nets hope Prokhorov's wealth—estimated at \$9.5 billion through his banking and metals businesses—will be used to help them bounce back from a 12-70 finish that included an NBA-worst, 18-game losing streak to open the season.

The team was ruined by cost-cutting moves under Ratner, who signed off on the trades of Jason Kidd, Kenyon Martin, Vince Carter and Richard Jefferson. There's money to spend now, with an estimated \$23 million in salary cap room heading into free agency this summer, when LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh are among the players who could be available.

Prokhorov already has proven he

can build a winning basketball team, owning a share of European power CSKA Moscow.

"We anticipate that his passion for the game and business acumen will be of considerable value not only to the Nets franchise but to the entire NBA," commissioner David Stern said.

A person with knowledge of the voting results told The Associated Press that NBA owners voted 29-0 to approve the purchase. One team did not vote. The sale had to be approved by three-fourths of the NBA's owners.

The person requested anonymity because the voting totals were not released.

"Today's vote will give the NBA a greater global reach and bring a multitude of new fans to the game of basketball," Prokhorov said.

The next step for the Nets comes next week with the NBA draft lottery,

in which they have a 25 percent chance of winning to earn the No. 1 pick and can finish no worse than fourth. Stern previously predicted Prokhorov could represent the team at the lottery.

Prokhorov's arrival in the NBA already has brought plenty of attention to the long-ignored franchise. The 6-foot-6 tycoon was an avid basketball player in his school days, is a fixture in glitzy European resorts and once was held in France for four days of questioning—but never charged—in a prostitution investigation.

He's now at the front of a team that will spend the next two years playing in Newark before the anticipated move to Brooklyn. Prokhorov hopes he has built a winning team by then.

"Mikhail and his team will bring tremendous innovation and excitement to the NBA," Ratner said.

### NBA BRIEFS

#### Parker, Spurs temper trade speculation

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tony Parker went through injuries this season like the San Antonio Spurs went through lineups. Both helped explain their situations Monday. For the Spurs, it was shrugging off being swept in the playoffs by Phoenix and 'fessing up that their overhauled roster—the one that added players to the Big Three of Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili—never became championship material. For Parker, it was facing questions about his future in San Antonio. "It would surprise me if Tony hadn't played this year with some kind of health ailment that we would even be having this conversation," general manager R.C. Buford said. Both Parker and the Spurs head into summer with unmet expectations. Coach Gregg Popovich joked last July that he should be fired if the revamped Spurs didn't win a fifth title, but on Monday he dubbed this the most challenging of his 14 years in San Antonio. Parker, meanwhile, never came close to his All-Star form in 2009 while battling injuries. The 27-year-old has one year left on his contract, but both Buford and Parker tempered rumors that the Spurs might let him go.

#### D-Wade's wife briefly held in divorce proceedings

CHICAGO (AP)—The wife of Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade surrendered to authorities in Chicago on Monday and was released an hour later after posting a \$10,000 bond. Siohvaughn (SHOH'-vahn) Wade's brief stay in custody came a day after a Cook County judge angrily ordered her brought in when she failed to appear for a hearing in the couple's contentious divorce. Last week, Wade filed a lawsuit alleging her husband's relationship with actress Gabrielle Union has caused distress for her and their two sons.

#### Indianapolis could lose \$55M if Pacers leave

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A new study has concluded that Indianapolis businesses would lose \$55 million if the Indiana Pacers left town. Hunden Strategic Partners conducted the research for the Marion County Capital Improvement Board, which shared the findings Monday. The CIB owns Conseco Fieldhouse, where the Pacers play home games. The Pacers have been paying \$15 million per year in operating costs. The team is approaching an option period in the lease, and the CIB says the team has suggested the current terms must change for the Pacers to be competitive. CIB president Ann Lathrop said the sides haven't come to an agreement, but they are discussing a deal in which the CIB would pay the operating costs and still let the Pacers play there. "I think that is the primary basis of a lot of our discussions right now," Lathrop said. More than a year ago, the CIB said the team could move, be sold or shut down if a resolution isn't reached. Team president Larry Bird has said he has received calls from people who want to move the team.



# Padres beat Giants to extend lead



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Barry Zito's career-best start for San Francisco

cisco ended as the San Diego Padres beat the Giants 3-2 in the National League on Tuesday.

Zito (5-1) allowed three runs in five innings, conceding David Eckstein's two-run single and walking a season-worst seven batters.

Ryan Webb (1-1) went 1 1-3 innings to earn the win for the Padres, who extended their lead over the Giants in the NL West to 1 1-2 games.

Yorvit Torrealba also drove in a run for San Diego, which is without two key pitchers for unforeseen circumstances: starter Kevin Correia following the death of his brother in a hiking accident, and Tim Stauffer, who had an emergency appendectomy Tuesday.

## Mets 8, Nationals 6

In New York, pinch-hitter Chris Carter, just called up from the minors, delivered a tiebreaking double in his first at-bat to help New York score six runs in the eighth inning and overwhelm Washington.

Jason Bay and David Wright led the charge, lifting New York out of its recent offensive doldrums with three hits apiece. Four relievers combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings as the Mets fought back from a 6-1 deficit.

Raul Valdes (1-0) worked the eighth for his first major league win.

## Reds 9, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Johnny Cueto pitched a shut out in his first major league complete game, steering Cincinnati past Pittsburgh.

Cueto (2-1) allowed only a third-inning single that went off the shortstop's glove. He lasted as long as eight innings only once in his previous 67 major league starts.

Cincinnati's Chris Heisey got his first three major league hits, including a pair of singles and a two-run homer in the eighth.

Pirates starter Charlie Morton (1-6) gave up seven hits in six innings.

## Astros 6, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Brett Myers worked six strong innings to help Houston overcome St. Louis.

Myers (2-2) allowed two runs in a rematch of last month's clash with Cardinals starter Brad Penny, which St. Louis won 2-1.

This time, Penny (3-3) went seven innings and all four runs against him were unearned after shortstop Brendan Ryan's throwing error.



San Diego Padres' Yorvit Torrealba swings for an RBI single off San Francisco Giants' Barry Zito during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in San Francisco. AP

Pinch-hitters Cory Sullivan and Humberto Quintero had consecutive RBI singles in Houston's four-run seventh. Lance Berkman and Hunter Pence homered for the Astros.

Ryan Ludwick had three hits and an RBI for the Cardinals.

## Dodgers 13, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Russell Martin hit a three-run homer as Los Angeles crushed slumping Arizona.

Ronnie Belliard drove in three runs and James Loney finished with four hits and two RBIs for the Dodgers, who had six players collect at least two hits. Jamey Carroll also drove in two runs.

L.A. starter John Ely (1-1) allowed two runs in six-plus innings to pick up

his first major league win.

The Diamondbacks have lost five straight games. Starter Dan Haren (4-2) matched his season high with 10 strikeouts but also gave up 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

## Braves 11, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Tim Hudson kept pitching his way out of trouble and came inches shy of hitting a home run himself, leading Atlanta past Milwaukee.

Hudson (3-1) allowed one run in six innings despite tying a career worst with six walks. He nearly homered in the fifth, bouncing a ball off the top of the wall in left for a double.

Troy Glaus went deep for the second straight night for the Braves, who pounded out a season-high 16 hits in

yet another demoralizing Miller Park loss for the Brewers, who slipped to a major league-worst 4-10 at home.

Milwaukee starter Dave Bush (1-3) gave up three runs in six innings.

## Marlins 3, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Ricky Nolasco pitched seven sharp innings to guide Florida to a tight win over Chicago.

Nolasco (3-2), a former Cubs minor leaguer, allowed one run. Leo Nunez pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save in nine opportunities.

Cody Ross and Gaby Sanchez homered for the Marlins.

Chicago tied a season worst with its fourth straight loss despite starter Randy Wells (3-2) pitching eight strong innings, allowing three runs. He struck out eight and walked one.

## Rays 7, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Tampa Bay pitcher Jeff Niemann held Los Angeles scoreless into the eighth inning to set up a 7-2 win—just the second for the Rays in 16 games against the Angels.

Niemann (3-0) was charged with two runs and six hits over 7 1-3 innings as Tampa Bay improved its MLB-leading record to 23-10 and increased their

AL East lead to a full game over the New York Yankees, whose scheduled game in Detroit was rained out.

Evan Longoria had a homer and four RBIs for the Rays.

Angels starter Scott Kazmir (2-3) allowed seven hits in five innings to take the loss in his first game against his old side. He remains Tampa Bay's career leader in wins and strikeouts.

## Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 1

In Boston, Daisuke Matsuzaka had his best start since returning from a neck strain, guiding Boston past Toronto.

Matsuzaka (2-1) struck out nine in seven innings and allowed just three runners while walking none.

By contrast, four Toronto pitchers issued eight bases on balls one night after

the Red Sox drew seven walks.

Blue Jays starter Dana Eveland (3-2) gave up all of Boston's runs in four-plus innings.

## Athletics 7, Rangers 6, 13 innings

In Arlington, Daric Barton hit a two-out RBI single in the 13th inning after homering in the 11th, lifting Oakland over Texas in the opener of a series between the AL West's top teams.

Starting the 13th, Landon Powell drew a walk against Texas pitcher Dustin Nippert (1-3), then swiped second for his first career steal. He scored when Barton's hard grounder rebounded off second baseman Ian Kinsler's glove and into right field.

Barton had been 0 for 5 before his two-out solo homer in the 11th. But the Rangers tied it in the bottom half of the inning when Julio Borbobo drove in David Murphy.

Tyson Ross (1-0) pitched the final three innings to take the win for Oakland.

## White Sox 5, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Chicago put together its biggest inning of the season in the fifth to beat Minnesota.

A.J. Pierzynski and Alexei Ramirez had two-run doubles in a five-run fifth inning for a team that entered the night with the worst batting average in the AL. White Sox starter Freddy Garcia (2-2) gave up two runs in seven innings for the win.

Joe Mauer had three hits and Justin Morneau homered for the Twins. But Kevin Slowey (4-3) gave up five runs in 4 2-3 innings.

## Indians 8, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Russell Branyan homered twice to help Cleveland beat a slumping Kansas City.

Branyan hit a two-run homer off Brian Bannister (1-3) in the second and a solo shot in the ninth for his first two of the season.

Johnny Peralta added a two-run double and the Indians had 10 hits to help starting pitcher Jake Westbrook (1-2) get his first win since 2008, pitching six innings.

The Royals followed a dismal road trip with another clunker, stretching their losing streak to six games.

## Mariners 5, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Cliff Lee allowed one run in 7 1-3 innings to earn his first win with Seattle, defeating Baltimore.

Lee (1-1) walked none in his third start for Seattle since returning from an abdominal strain. He gave up consecutive singles in the eighth, but the inning ended on a double play.

Ryan Langerhans homered for the Mariners, who have a 4-0 record against Baltimore this season and 9-19 against everyone else.



**CINCINNATI (AP)**—Cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones resumed his troubled football career with the Cincinnati Bengals on Tuesday, showing he's in good enough shape to keep up. All other questions about his comeback have to wait.

Jones fully participated in a voluntary team workout with coaches, going through defensive drills and getting onto the field for some 7-on-7 plays. It was his first chance to meet new teammates since he agreed to a two-year deal last week.

Then, he thanked God, owner Mike Brown, coaches and the city for giving him a chance after he was out of football for a year. Jones spoke for 58

# Pacman Jones works out with Bengals

seconds, then left an interview room without taking questions.

"To gain you guys' trust is not going to come overnight," Jones said. "It's going to take time."

The overriding question is always the same for Jones: Can he stay out of trouble?

The former first-round draft pick couldn't do that at Tennessee, where he got suspended for the entire 2007 season. Dallas was next to give him another chance, but he got into trouble there, too. Jones drew a six-game suspension in 2008 for an alcohol-related scuffle with a team-provided bodyguard.

The Cowboys gave up on him and he was out of football last year, weighed down by his six arrests and a dozen instances that involved police intervention.

He's getting perhaps his final chance with the Bengals, who don't seem to mind being the NFL version of a halfway house. Cincinnati has a fondness for players willing to sign minimal contracts in hopes of resurrecting checkered careers.

"A lot of guys in our locker room have been in situations like that," safety Chris Crocker said. "So when we have a guy who comes in who has a troubled past, we embrace him and make him

feel welcomed. That's the one thing about why guys have come here and had success, because they don't think everybody in the locker room is kind of looking at them and waiting for them to mess up."

Brown overruled his head coach and decided to give receiver Chris Henry—who attended West Virginia along with Jones—a two-year deal following his fifth arrest. Henry died in a fall from a truck last December.

In the last two years, the Bengals also have given running backs Cedric Benson and Larry Johnson and receiver Matt Jones a chance to extend

careers undercut by off-the-field issues. Benson did so well that he got a contract extension. Johnson stayed out of trouble and moved on. Matt Jones was signed in the offseason after sitting out last year as well.

"In the past, we were like the Betty Ford clinic and just rehabbing guys," Crocker said. "When you have your back up against the wall, you really have to (say) hey, this is your last stop. You're not going to get many more opportunities, if any."

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer suggested taking a look at Jones when the Bengals' defensive secondary had some injuries last season. The club decided to stick with its reserves, and ended up winning the AFC North.



# Gorilla Warfare brings full contact MMA back to Tinian



The islands’ first mixed martial art fight was held on Tinian several years ago, and now, Gorilla Warfare MMA is bringing it back to Tinian fighters, who will go head-to-head with Saipan fighters to prove who will be the next king of the jungle in its first ferocious amateur event.

Budlight, IT&E and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino present Gorilla Warfare’s Into the Jungle on May 29, (Memorial Day Weekend) from 7pm to 11pm at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. Tickets are now on sale at Boarderline Skate and Surf Shop in Garapan and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for \$20 (advance purchased) and \$25 at

the door per person for general seating, and \$30 for VIP. “We are amazed by the talent of the Tinian fighters and wanted to bring the action back to Tinian for a while. This is going to be an awesome proving grounds show,” Gorilla Warfare MMA promoter Mark Sablan said. “We are thankful for the support we have received on Tinian

and Saipan. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the advance ticket price and buy it now—this will be a Memorial weekend you will not forget,” he added. For Saipan fans, after purchasing a Gorilla Warfare event ticket, take advantage of Star Marianas and Tinian Dynasty teaming up for flight specials: for one round trip airfare, one-

night stay (double occupancy) and a GWMMA ticket for only \$80 per person; one round trip airfare, and a GWMMA ticket for only \$60 per person; and one round trip airfare for only \$45 per person. Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino will also be hosting a Gorilla Warfare Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament after the fight with a \$50 buy-in and \$5 entry fee for a chance to win up to \$2,000 or more. The official weigh-ins will be held at the Spot On Bar at the

Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino on May 28 at 6pm and the after-party will also be held at Spot On at 11pm. Special thanks to Star Marianas, Boarderline Surf and Skate Shop, Spot On Bar, The Set, Konflikt MMA Clothing, OTM Fight Shop, Infinix Design, the 17th Tinian Legislature Delegation and the Tinian Mayor’s Office. For more information, please email [gorillawarfaremma@gmail.com](mailto:gorillawarfaremma@gmail.com).(PR)

## DIOLA

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Santos edged Edwin Maratas, 21-8, 21-13. Diola returned to the court on Sunday to team up with Hannah and the duo prevailed over Jojo Savellano and Angie Ito in the mixed doubles B finals, 21-13, 19-21, 21-14. Hannah and Diola advanced

to the finals after sweeping Santos and Anna Rose Omori, 21-15, 21-19, while Ito and Savelmano topped Roger Vales and Malou Malasarte, 21-18, 15-21, 21-19, in the other semis pairing. In the battle for third place, Malasarte and Vales won over Santos and Omori, 21-19, 15-21, 22-20. Duplicating Diola’s twin wins was Chris Hilario, while Hannah took three champion-

ship trophies. Hannah entered in the mixed doubles AB and joined forces with Dick Guintu. The duo then stunned Macoi Aguda and Marlene Peraja in the finals via a three-set win, 12-21, 21-12, 21-17. In the women’s B singles, Hannah also won the championship, edging Ito, 21-12, 21-14. Hannah made it to the finals after a 21-8, 21-5 semis triumph over Malasarte, while Ito topped Peraja in

the other semis match, 17-21, 21-17, 21-15. Peraja settled for third after a 16-21, 21-13, 21-19 win over Malasarte. Hilario secured his second title after thumping Manatsu Omori in the men’s C singles, 22-20, 17-21, 21-8. In the consolation game, Rob Harrel won over Kanata Omori, 15-21, 21-14, 21-16. Two weeks ago, Hilario notched his first champion-

ship when he teamed up with Annette Ta in beating Rob Harrell and Tosiko Obata in a three-set finale in the mixed doubles C division, 21-10, 16-21, 21-10. Others who were crowned champions last week were Rey Bulaon and Merlie Tolentino. Bulaon, who finished the elimination round on top of the field, capped his amazing run in the men’s A singles with

a 24-26, 21-17, 21-17 upset over Aguda. The men’s A singles third place award went to Guintu, who defeated Andreau Galvez, also in three sets, 11-21, 21-18, 22-20. Tolentino won the women’s C singles crown after surviving Toshiko Obata in an extended game, 30-28, 23-21. In the third place game, Heo In Sook outclassed Annette Quiambao, 21-18, 21-3.

## ARGENTINA

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things over for La Albiceleste in South Africa. “I played in World Cups and I reached two finals. I know what it takes. I know how to lead the group and how to coach the players. I’ve earned the right to talk about the subject. I know something about this,” Maradona was quoted as saying in the FIFA website. Leading Maradona’s title quest is Barcelona star Lionel

Messi, the FIFA World Player of Year. Backing him up are Javier Mascherano, 2002 World Cup veteran Juan Sebastian Veron, and Facundo Bertoglio. Argentina is drawn with Greece, South Korea, and Nigeria and is likely to top Group B and meet 2006 runner-up France, host South Africa, or fellow CONMEBOL member Uruguay in the next round. Argentina advanced to the quarterfinals in the 2006 World Cup in Germany and lost to the host in penalty shootout, 2-4.

**Uruguay leans on El Maestro, Lugano** Uruguay will appear in the World Cup for 11th time—winning the inaugural meet in 1930 over Argentina and gaining its second crown in 1950 against Brazil. Twenty-years after coaching the team that was knocked out by Italy in the Round of 16 during the 1990 World Cup, Oscar Washington Tabarez, popularly known as El Maestro, is back and wants payback. El Maestro has a mix of European league veterans to lean on and lift

Uruguay past Round of 16 for the first time in two decades. Leading El Maestro’s team is Diego Lugano, the flamboyant central defender who currently plays for Fenerbahçe in Turkish Super League. Also on the team are Atletico Madrid striker Luis Suarez and Ajax Amsterdam Luis Suarez, who tallied a total of 12 goals in the qualifier.

teams—Chile was the other—who has yet to win the gold trophy in eight appearances to the world stage. However, judging from their performance in the qualifier, Paraguay is still dangerous despite the absence of a World Cup title. Why? Paraguay scored the most points in the South America qualifier with 33 to finish a strong third behind Brazil and Chile. Paraguay recorded 10 wins (the most in its group), including a 1-0 victory over Argentina, three draws and five defeats. Tasked to bring Paraguay’s prolific offense in South Africa next month are coach Gerardo Martino and Roque Santa Cruz. Martino is a former Argentine striker who made a name for himself in the 1990s, while Santa Cruz is among the stars in English Premier League club’s Manchester City and formed Paragua’s deadly trio with Oscar Cardozo and Nelson Haedo Valdez.

Paraguay is in Group F with reigning champions Italy, New Zealand and Slovakia, and is favored to join the Italians to the next round. **Chileans lean on El Loco, Matias Fernandez** El Loco (Marcelo Bielsa) is the coach of the ill-fated Argentina team in the 2002 World Cup in Japan/South Korea before calling the shots for Chile. El Loco reiterated he is not after revenge in South Africa, but clearly, a victory in the 2010 World Cup will redeem himself from that unfortunate campaign, eight years ago. El Loco got off to a good start with Chile, leading La Roja to second place in the qualifier and South America’s second most goals scored with 32. In South Africa, El Loco aims to keep the fire burning and he is pinning his hopes on Matias Fernandez, the 2006 South American Player of the Year and plays for Sporting Clube de Portugal in Portugal’s first division.

## FIELDERS

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Fielders relieved starting pitcher Namelo and called Ionis Rasa to the mound. Later Tenorio stole second and was doubled home by Chad Atalig before Atalig was caught rounding too far off second base. With two outs, Clyde Sablan reached off a costly dropped third strike, went to second after Wally Emul’s walk, moved to third off an error, and then scored off a wild pitch. With the game even at 3-3, the D-9ers relieved starting pitcher Dave Jones on the mound with Dave Camacho to start the bottom of the third, but the Fielders still broke the tie. Rasa led off with a single, moved to third off errors, and was later driven in off a Robert

Guerrero sacrifice fly. In the top of the fourth, the D-9ers answered back to knot up the score again. Isaiah Lizama led off with a walk and tied the game off an error. After the Fielders failed to answer in the bottom half, the D-9ers flexed on the Fielders with a big four-run inning. Atalig led off with a single and moved to second after Joseph Tristian’s walk. Atalig later scored off two wild pitches. With one out and Tristian on second, Nathan Castro connected with a double. After the big hit, the Fielders called on Tom Agulto from second to be their third pitcher of the night. Later Dave Jones brought in Tristian with a sacrifice fly to right and Lizama singled in Nathan Castro before stealing second and scoring off an RBI

single by Joaquin Castro. In the bottom half, the Fielders were aggressive, but only managed one run. Namelo led off with a single and Jonathon Celis blasted an RBI triple before Celis got nailed at the plate trying to stretch it into an in the park dinger. With the score at 8-5 for D-9ers after five, the D-9ers came up empty in the top of the sixth. Then the Fielders came to the plate in the bottom half in need of three runs and they got four. With one out, Agulto and Juan Maratita reached off an error and a base hit. After Maratita’s single, the D-9ers called on second reliever, Jared Camacho, in lieu of Dave Camacho. The first batter he faced, Mark Aldan, smashed a two RBI triple before getting caught being

greedy at the plate. It was a questionable call whether the coach sent this runner from third because the Fielders could have had the tying run on third with one out, but instead now have zero runners on base with two outs. However, it did not come back to bite them as Rasa and Namelo came up next and both reached off a walk and a single that set up a game-breaking two RBI triple from Jonathon Celis; his second triple of the game. Now at 9-8, with the Fielders ahead by one to start the seventh and final inning, the D-9ers offense mysteriously disappeared and went 1-2-3 for the first time in the game. Notables for the Fielders included Jonathon Celis who batted 2-for-4 with two triples, three RBIs, and a run and Namelo who went 3-for-4 with a triple and three runs.

He added these awards encouraged him to continue finding ways to improve his basketball skills. Sablan said he will be attending a basketball camp in Oregon in August. For her part, Rangamar said winning her second monthly plum was special, as she had to go through a lot of events (11) to finish on top. “It was more than one month of trying out in various events and I did them after school. It took a lot of hard work,” Rangamar said.

## RANGAMAR

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Rangamar received her second NMASA/Tan Siu Lin Female Student Athlete of the Month medal yesterday during a simple award ceremony at the TSL Plaza. Joining Rangamar at the ceremony was Sean Sablan, who clinched the NMASA/Tan Siu Lin Male Student Athlete of the Month award. Sablan earned NMASA’s nod after his impres-

sive performance in the 2010 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League. The Mt. Carmel School cager was named Most Valuable Player of the league after leading the Knights to the finals in the high school division. MCS went on to finish second behind Grace Christian Academy with Sablan firing 30 big points in a losing effort. He was the consistent top scorer for the Knights both in the regular season and play-offs to claim the top individual award in the league.

The MVP plum and NMASA award are good send-off gifts for Sablan, who is graduating this year and is moving to Oregon next month to continue his studies. “I would like to thank NMASA and Tan Siu Lin Foundation for this award. I’ve never been in the spotlight before and it feels great to finally be on it. I would also like to thank my parents for their support and my teammates and coaches at Mt. Carmel for helping me become a good player,” said Sablan.

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	23	10	.697	—
New York	21	10	.677	1
Toronto	19	16	.543	5
Boston	18	16	.529	5 1/2
Baltimore	9	24	.273	14
Central Division				
Minnesota	21	12	.636	—
Detroit	18	14	.563	2 1/2
Chicago	14	19	.424	7
Cleveland	12	18	.400	7 1/2
Kansas City	11	22	.333	10
West Division				
Oakland	18	15	.545	—
Texas	18	15	.545	—
Los Angeles	15	20	.429	4
Seattle	13	19	.406	4 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	20	12	.625	—
New York	18	15	.545	2 1/2
Washington	18	15	.545	2 1/2
Florida	16	17	.485	4 1/2
Atlanta	15	18	.455	5 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	20	13	.606	—
Cincinnati	18	15	.545	2
Milwaukee	15	18	.455	5
Pittsburgh	14	19	.424	6
Chicago	14	20	.412	6 1/2
Houston	11	21	.344	8 1/2
West Division				
San Diego	20	12	.625	—
San Francisco	18	13	.581	1 1/2
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	4 1/2
Colorado	15	17	.469	5
Arizona	14	20	.412	7
Yesterday's Games				
Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 0				
N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 6				
Florida 3, Chicago Cubs 2				
Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 3				
Houston 6, St. Louis 3				
Philadelphia at Colorado, ppd., rain				
L.A. Dodgers 13, Arizona 3				
San Diego 3, San Francisco 2				
Seattle 5, Baltimore 1				
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd., rain				
Boston 6, Toronto 1				
Oakland 7, Texas 6, 13 innings				
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2				
Cleveland 8, Kansas City 2				
Tampa Bay 7, L.A. Angels 2				
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# NMIFA U14 Youth Football Spring Festival Awards Ceremony



Members of the Matansa Football Club's U14 girls team flash the No. 1 sign after winning the championship trophy against MP United during the 2010 NMIFA Youth Football Spring Festival on Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field. Joining them are youth league official Lydia Tan, left, NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas, right, and Greg Borja, second right.



Members of third place team Tan Holdings FC-1 pose for a group photo after receiving their certificates.



Independents coach Greg Borja, second left, join his players in receiving their certificates after a runner-up finish in the boys U14 behind champion MP United.



Members and coaching staff of MP United pose with their championship trophy.



Players of runner-up MP United are joined by coach Katie Peters, fifth left, at the awards ceremony.



Several members of Paire and coach Emily Gries decided to stay at the field to receive their third place certificate.



Far left, Matansa's Andrea Camacho, left, receives the golden boot award (for the festival) from Independents and youth league official Greg Borja.



Center left, Golden Boot award winner (for regular season) Sean Perez of Matansa Football Club scored nine goals in seven games.



Left, Jehn Joyner, left, took the Golden Boot award (for festival) after scoring four goals last Saturday.





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Cavs, take 3-2  
lead in series

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## Diola, Hannah clinch multiple titles



Mario Diola, left, and Choi Hannah in action during their title game against Jojo Savellano and Angie Ito in the mixed doubles B division of the IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition on Sunday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

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**T**eammates Mario Diola and Choi Hannah led the shortlist of multiple winners in the month-long 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Bad-



minton Competition played at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

Diola's first championship trophy came from the men's singles B finals where he swept youth player Rodwealth Espana last Saturday, 21-15, 21-13. In the battle for third place, Noli

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## Fielders' late 3-run rally bests D-9ers

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The Fielders staged a late, three-run, sixth-inning comeback to defeat the D-9ers, 9-8, during Tuesday night's Big League game in the 2010 Saipan Little League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Comfortably resting in second place behind Ol'Aces, the Fielders improved their record to a 7-4, while the D-9ers, now at 4-8, kept falling like a rock in the Big League standings.

The D-9ers had this one all wrapped up until the sixth inning when the Fielders showed

them how to play with a winning attitude.

After a scoreless first and a half, the home team Fielders took a three-run lead in the bottom of the second.

Wensner Namelo led off with a triple then Jonathon Celis reached on an error that brought Namelo to the plate.

A fly out later, J.D. Sablan drove in Celis before Tom Agulto brought Sablan home with a two-out single.

Then in the top of third, the D-9ers came back and tied the game.

This time, Jared Camacho led off with a triple and Eric Tenorio singled him in.

After Camacho scored, the

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## Rangamar, Sablan named April's top student athletes



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NMASA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athletes of the Month (for April) awardees Lia Rangamar, second left, and Sean Sablan, third left, are joined by NMASA president Michael White, left, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Ed Arriola, right, during the medals presentation at the TSL Plaza yesterday.

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One repeat winner and one first-timer took home the NMASA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athletes of the Month (for April) award, following Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association's selection process last week.

Athletics' Lia Rangamar notched back-to-back female student athlete plums after besting three other nominees for the monthly award. She gained most of the votes of NMASA members during the association's meeting last Thursday after recording one CNMI junior

record and five personal best times in a series of qualifiers for the 2010 McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships and the 2010 Micronesian Games.

The Marianas High School student's 33.64m in javelin throw is a personal best mark and CNMI junior record. Her other PBs came in the shot put (8.80m), discus (22.83), 1,500m run (6:16.20), and 800m race (2:47.00).

Rangamar competed in four more individual events in the qualifier and two in relays and qualified in all events, finishing first in eight categories, third in 100m, second in long jump, and fourth in high jump.

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## Argentina and company are tough nuts to crack

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*Editor's note: Today, the Saipan Tribune will feature Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile in its primer for the upcoming 2010 World Cup in South Africa.*

If some teams are lucky enough to get past five-time World Cup champion Brazil, there are still four more South American squads that are tough nuts to crack: Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile.

The four countries are perennial World Cup participants and two—Argentina and Uruguay—are former owners of the 18-carat solid gold trophy. Three of the four squads are coached by respected Argentine

mentors and have players making a name of themselves outside their home country.

### Argentina has Maradona, Messi

Argentina owned two World Cup titles with the first one coming in 1978 and the last in 1986.

Twenty-four years later, the Argentines are hoping to end the drought through the help of the same man who gave them their last World Cup title: Maradona.

Maradona replaced Alfio Basile after Argentina slid in the qualifier and the former is confident he and his wards can turn

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Lionel Messi will be the man to watch for Argentina in the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

